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Negro Order Donates $1,000 to Southern Welfare Conference

Philadelphia, Aug. 27—(AP)—The Grand Lodge of the Improved Protective Order of Elks, Negro fraternal organization, today voted a $1,000 contribution to the Southern conference for human welfare. Aug 9-1947

The approval at the 47th annual convention here came after Clark Foreman of Atlanta, president of the conference, outlined methods and procedures followed by the organization in its efforts to overcome segregation in the South. Foreman said it is regarded as Communism in the South for a white man to work with a competent, qualified Negro.

The convention also voted $1,000 to the Bethune-Cookman school of Daytona Beach, Fla. 8-9-47

Ohioan Wins in Hot Fight

Afro-American

Victor, a Wilson Man an Elk for 38 Years

OTHERS RE-ELECTED

Baltimore, Md.

Cincinnati to Be Host for 1948 Conclave

Sat. 9-6-47

PHILADELPHIA

In a tumultuous voting session, Thomas E (Ted) Greene, Akron, O., attorney, was elected grand treasurer of the Elks, Friday, defeating Loyal Randolph, Baltimore hotel owner, who put up a strong fight for the post.

The election held in St. Charles Auditorium, 20th and Christian Sts., climaxed the 48th grand lodge convention which was scheduled to close Friday, but spilled over into Saturday.

Pick Cincy for 1948

The 49th convention of the Elks' grand lodge will be held in Cincinnati, O., next year, and delegates will observe two important anniversaries.

One will be the 50th anniversary of the order which was founded in Cincinnati. At the same time, J. Finley Wilson will close out 25 years as grand exalted ruler.

The "grand," as he is called by members of the Herd, will be up for re-election to another two year term.

New Car for "Grand"

The delegates voted to buy a new car for Wilson's personal use in carrying out his duties. The proposal was made by the National Capital Lodge, Washington. The car is to be selected by James E. Kelly, grand secretary; Thomas E. Greene, grand treasurer; and Perry Howard, grand legal advisor.

Contest Expected

After cleaning up resolutions and electing trustees with dispatch early in the afternoon session, the 1100 sweltering delegates rolled up their sleeves and pitched into the battle for the coveted treasurer's post.

More than 35 candidates had thrown their hats in the ring for the office, made vacant by the death of Dr. Marcus Wheatland, Camden, N.J., physician, in June, but only about four of the aspirants were given an outside chance.

"Grand" Backed by Greene

Word was out Friday morning that J. Finley Wilson, exalted ruler, favored Greene and, accordingly, most of the candidates withdrew. One of the leading aspirants, Robert Johnson, exalted ruler of Philadelphia's O.V. Catto lodge, pulled out of the race before the afternoon session.

Then, just before the election, presided over by Wilson, another strong candidate, William P. Webb, founder of Leonard C. Irvin Lodge in West Philadelphia, arose and announced his withdrawal.

Session Noisy

When the names of the two remaining aspirants were presented to the delegates, the session became a near uproar, and it was fully 10 minutes before the presiding officer could continue with the election. Sat. 9-6-47

Then followed approximately 25 minutes of voting by standing, after which Wilson declared Greene the winner by a majority vote.

Ex U.S. Attorney

The new treasurer, who is in his sixties, has been a member of the order for 38 years and served as chairman of the credential committee for 10 years. He is a former assistant U.S. attorney. His wife, Madelynne, is an Akron policewoman.

At the morning session, Friday James E. Kelly, of Birmingham, Ala., was re-elected grand secretary without opposition. He had also been serving as acting treasurer.

Auditor Renamed

James Copper of Chicago was re-elected grand auditor at the Saturday morning session, at which much of the business was reports on the progress of the order in various sections of the country. All other elections, however, were held on the preceding day, mostly without opposition.

At the morning session William C. Hueston of Washington, a former municipal judge, was re-elected by acclamation to the office of education department director.

Johnson Gets Old Post

Robert Johnson of Philadelphia, who had earlier withdrawn from candidacy for grand treasurer, was reelected esteemed lecturing knight. He was unopposed.

Joseph A. Brown, of New York was returned as esteemed leading knight, second highest position in Elkdom. He has held the office for 12 years. Sat. 9-6-47

The post of grand esquire, made vacant by the death of Eugene Sorrell, of California, went to Jay Chavis, of Seattle, Wash.

Unopposed

Others re-elected without opposition were:

Herbert Jones, Washington, esteemed loyal knight; Samuel D Holsey, Reading, Pa., tiler; and Dr. Simpson E. Smith, Huntington, W.Va., inner guard.

Hobson R. Reynolds, exalted ruler of Chris J. Perry Lodge, Philadelphia, was reappointed director of civil liberties.

Trustees elected: Brazil Bryant, of Chicago, 3 years; John A. Freeman, of Philadelphia; and Sylvester Jackson, of Harrisburg, 1 year

Greene Is Elected Treasurer

Courier

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sat. 9-6-47

By TREZZVANT W. ANDERSON
(Courier Staff Writer)

PHILADELPHIA — After parading before a crowd of more than 250,000 here last week, the Elks Grand Lodge got down to business and punished several offenders for what J. Finley Wilson called "fraud and corruption within the order." They elected Thomas E. (Ted) Greene, Akron, Ohio lawyer, grand treasurer, after a spirited contest.

With a net balance of $338,131.51 of which $227,042.30 is on deposit in the Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust Company here, and another $100,000 in U. S. Government bonds, the Elks voted to withdraw their funds from the local bank due to "failure of bank officials to provide a surety bond to cover the huge sum on deposit."

TO SCATTER FUNDS

The auditors reported that bank officials had promised to secure the surety bond but had failed to do so. It was the edict of the convention that the money be scattered among other banks in the sums of $5,000 each, which would be covered automatically by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The action is expected to take place within the next ten days.

At the same time, a committee of Elks was slated to meet in New York City on Tuesday of this week to begin negotiations with New York bankers, towards the purchase of a sixteen-story building which would become the national Shrine of the Elks. Sat. 9-6-47

SHRINE TO COST $500,000

The building is valued at $1,400,000, but its purchase price to the Elks will be about $500,000, which they expect to liquidate in five years. Property owned by the Elks in New Jersey and Georgia was recommended to be sold.

Mr. Greene

Thirty-eight lodges were dropped during the year, one of them being in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and another in Mexico. Delegates from Panama, Cuba and the Canal Zone reported their lodges in good shape.

Youngest Exalted Ruler Named By Elks In Ohio

Chicago Defender

Chicago, Ill.

Sat. 8-30-47

DAYTON, Ohio—(ANP)—History was made within the realms of Elkdom last Saturday when 22-year-old George Lawrence was installed as the youngest exalted ruler in its history. He was installed by the Pride of Ohio No. 1057, IBPOE. Robert L. Baker, secretary, made the announcement. Sat. 8-30-47

Lawrence is at present on the staff of the Journal-Herald. He formerly was managing editor of the Daily Express here.

Three hundred Elks were present at the installation banquet which was presided over by Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson of Washington.

Highlights of Elk Convention

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Courier

By TREZZVANT ANDERSON
(Staff Writer)

Sat. 9-6-47

PHILADELPHIA—Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson is absolute monarch of the Elk world . . . but he won't reveal his plans for the future . . . at least for the present. He told this reporter at the Grand Lodge: "Now you just go ahead and say what you want to, but you know, I'm not talking yet . . . I'm not ready."

He was referring to his possible candidacy for the New York State Senate next year. Harold Burton, Harlem GOP leader, has pledged him full organization support if he should run again. But Finley says: "I'm not talking yet."

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The Rev. Paul E. Davis of Charlotte, N. C., was named Grand Chaplain of the IBPOE of W by J. Finley Wilson. The new Grand Chaplain is a Presbyterian minister and was born in Oklahoma.

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Delegates came from Panama, the Bahamas, Cuba, the Canal Zone, and every part of the U. S. There were 984 registered voting delegates and 160 new Grand Lodge degrees were given, which means 160 newcomers at a session for the first time. The rise of Ted Greene to Grand Treasurer will see the elevation of Oscar Price, the Pittsburgh strong man, to the chairmanship of the powerful Credentials Committee.

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Lionel Brown, New York City, died last week shortly after arriving for the Elks convention. The 50-year-old man died of a heart attack.

Sat. 9-6-47

Some spectators at the parade of the Elks during their convention here last week said several beautiful floats were not given an opportunity for proper display. Darkness fell before the floats could reach the reviewing stand.

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The failure of Finley Wilson to let any younger men into his cabinet this year was accepted as a challenge by youngsters.

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Atty. Stewart Calhoun of Keystone, W. Va., was crowned "King of the Elks" for his work during last year. He raised his lodge from a membership of forty to 500.

THE "GRAND" RIDES AGAIN—With his usual handshake greeting to the crowds, J. Finley Wilson, head of the IBPOEW, was once again at the head of the big parade, seen by thousands of Philadelphians last Tuesday. On his right is Magistrate Hobson Reynolds of Philadelphia.—Lawson Photo.

Alice P. Allen Is Re-elected President Of Iota Phi Lambda

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa

By HAZEL GARLAND

PITTSBURGH—"America by her treatment of minority groups in this country, has earned the distrust of the rest of the world," asserted Mrs. Venice T. Spraggs, chief of the Washington, D. C., office of the Chicago Defender, in a dynamic address given at the banquet held by Iota Phi Lambda Sorority during its national convention in Pittsburgh last week.

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Continuing, Mrs. Spraggs stated: "How can her State department tell how the European countries should be run when Negroes in some sections of this country are not permitted to vote—when dastardly lynchings are committed and the perpetrators permitted to go free. It is up to the women—women such as those of you who are members of this and other sororities and organizations, to see that the right men are put into office . . . who will see that the right kind of legislation is passed by our Government."

PROGRAM

The banquet was part of the three-day program of social and business events centering about the national group of business women. Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Thomasina Walker Johnson, head of the Minorities group of the USES, was guest speaker and chose the subject business, as her theme.

She informed the sizable audience that there were resources in Washington, available to those who wished to know how and when and how much it cost to start a small business. More small businessmen should take advantage of this resource, she stated.

On the banquet program, as well as the public meeting program, both held at Central Baptist Church, was Mrs. Ailce P. Allen national president, who was re-

BANQUET SPEAKER — Mrs. Venice T. Spragg, chief of the Washington bureau of the Chicago Defender, was guest speaker at the Iota Phi Lambda banquet Tuesday night, during the national confab held in Pittsburgh.—Ted Moss Photo.

$330,000 In Elks' Funds Turned Over To New Treasurer

Regional
Sat. 10-25-47

PHILADELPHIA (NNPA)—Funds of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World were turned over last Thursday to Thomas E. (Ted) Greene, a lawyer, of Akron, Ohio who was elected treasurer at the Elks' grand lodge here in August.

Sat. 10-25-47

Attending the ceremonies at the Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust Company were J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler; James E. Kelley, of Birmingham, grand secretary; Perry W. Howard, grand legal adviser, and William C. Hueston, commissioner of education.

A total of $330,000—$230,000 in cash and $100,000 in government bonds — was turned over to Greene, who succeeded the late Dr. Marc Wheatland, of Camden.

Pythians Ends 34th Session

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.
More Than 3,000
Sat. 8-30-47
Parade in Philly

PHILADELPHIA — (NNA)—The knights of Pythias paraded through South Philadelphia streets on Aug. 21 winding up the 34th biennial meeting of the Supreme Lodge and of the Court of Calanthe.

With more than 3,000 members in line, the parade formed at Broad and Pine streets and moved west on Pine street to 23rd and South on 23rd to Christian.

Elect Heads

R. A. Hester, of Dallas, was elected supreme chancellor, and A. G. Gaston of Brimingham, was named supreme vice chancellor at the final business session. Mr. Hester, formerly supreme vice chancellor, had succeeded to the office upon the death of Supreme Chancellor Walter D. Crawley of Chicago in June.

With the exception of two or three new officers, the entire roster of Supreme Lodge officers was reelected. A well-known Philadelphian, James E. Allen, the grand chancellor of Pennsylvania, was reelected major general of the Supreme Lodge.

Other Officers

Other officers reelected were: Past Supreme Chancellor A. F. Jackson, master of works; Allence Reece, grand supreme lecturer, and S. D. McGill of Jacksonville, who was ill and unable to attend the sessions.

A. B. Broady of New Jersey defeated the incumbent for the office of inner guard, and the Rev. Mr. Harr of Jackson, Mis., was elected prelate, succeeding Bishop Shaw. Sat, 8-30-47

A program for helping children of working mothers was outlined at Wednesday's session of the Supreme Lodge, and its affiliated women's organization, the Court or Calanthe.

To Sponsor Centers

The women's group will sponsor day care centers throughout the country, in an effort to provide "supervised recreation and proper guidance" and thereby reduce juvenile delinquency, Supreme Chancellor Hester said.

Some 1,000 members of the uniformed ranks of the order held their review and parade Aug. 20 at their camp at 87th street and Lyons avenue.

Gov. James H. Duff and Mayor Samuel accepted invitations to attend the review.

A letter from President Truman was also read.

"The fraternal spirit which binds members of organizations like yours," the President wrote, "is what is most needed in the world today. It points the way to the happy time when all men, regardless of nationality, creed or color, shall live together in peace and harmony and mutual good will."

Scottish Rite Cathedral, 400 degrees were conferred on lodge and court members.

3,000 Pythians In Big Parade

Chicago Defender

Courts Of Calanthe Also In Philadelphia

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World Pythians Defenders Name St. Louisan Chicago, Ill To Head Body

Sat. 9-27-47

ST. LOUIS—The Hon. Josiah C. Thomas, representative of the Missouri legislature, chairman of the National Legislation Committee for the participation of the United States in the Liberian Centennial Exposition and the grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the state of Missouri, has added another honor to his laurels.

At the recent meeting of the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, a new three-man commission was established to be responsible for the management of the Pythian Bathhouse and Sanitarium at Hot Springs, Ark.

Supreme Chancellor R. A. Hester of Texas appointed Grand Chancellor of Missouri Thomas to that commission for two years, which position carries an annual salary and expense account. Commissioner Thomas' position is a very important one in that the Pythian Bathhouse and Sanitarium grosses approximately $140,000 per year and is the largest source of income of the Supreme Lodge at the present time.

Those who accompanied Representative Thomas to the Supreme Lodge in Philadelphia as delegates from Missouri were: William Tennell, grand keeper of records and seals; Leslie Jackson, grand master of the exchequer, and Scovel Richardson, grand attorney for the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Representative Thomas was also re-elected Imperial Hafiz (secretary) of the Imperial Temple of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Omar, a department of the Supreme Lodge. Mrs Josiah C. Thomas, a prominent church worker in St. Louis, accompanied her husband to Philadelphia and after the Supreme Lodge Convention journeyed with him to New Jersey and New York before returning to St. Louis.

W. E. B. DuBois

Defender Chicago, Ill.

About Free Masonry

SOMETIME AGO we spoke of the history of Free Masonry among Negroes in America, by Harry E. Davis, now a member of the Senate of the state of Ohio. There has been an interesting development following his study and that of other historians in this field. It is, of course, common knowledge that hitherto white Masons have refused to recognize Negro Masonry, not only by declining to initiate Negroes, but by declaring that their lodges were not legitimate. On Nov. 25, 1946, a committee of a white Grand Lodge of Massachusetts made a report in which it said: "The committee appointed by you to consider and report on the subject of Negro Freemasonry in Massachusetts begs leave to submit the following report:

Sat. 10-11-47

"It has been a full half century since our Grand Lodge has considered the subject of Negro Freemasonry. Then, and in all previous studies of the subject, attention was directed primarily, if not solely, to the question of the technical regularity of the origins and early history of Negro Freemasonry. In the light of the evidence then available, it was believed that it could not, according to Masonic law, be regarded as legitimate Freemasonry. On the same evidence the same conclusions would presumably have been reached—and perhaps even more emphatically—if the individuals and lodges in question had been white instead of colored.

Defender, Chicago, Ill.

"In the intervening half century, Masonic historical research has made much progress, and the emphasis has changed considerably in Masonic thinking, with respect to some of the factors involved in any such inquiry. The legality and regularity of each organizational act is now tested according to the law and customs of its date rather than by those of the present.

Chicago, Ill.

Negro Origin Legitimate

"Your committee finds that according to the then prevailing Masonic law and custom, the origin, early procedures and subsequent development of the so-called Prince Hall (Negro) Freemasonry in this Commonwealth have been and are, regular and legitimate. Moreover, there is reliable and uncontradicted documentary evidence, dated June 30, 1784, that African Lodge, of which Prince Hall was Master, was in 1776 granted a 'Permet' by John Rowe of Boston (then Provincial Grand Master over North America where no other Provincial was appointed) 'to walk on St. John's Day and bury our dead in form,' etc. Rowe succeeded Henry Price in 1768.

"Thus for 170 years African Lodge and its successors have been functioning in Massachusetts in good faith and with the justifiable belief that their origin and procedure were as regular and legitimate as we have thought ours to be."

On March 12, 1947, this report was "accepted, approved and recorded by unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge. Thus for the first time in American history the legitimacy of Negro Freemasonry at least in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts is openly admitted.

Sat. 10-11-47

'Permet' Saved From Fire

The "Permet" granted by the Grand Lodge of England and referred to above is still in existence, although mutilated. This warrant No. 459 was granted Sept. 29, 1784, and delivered April 29. The African Grand Lodge No. 459 was organized May 6, 1787. The warrant was kept rolled in a metal tube in the safe deposit vault of a Boston bank. Later it was laid out flat between two thick plates of glass and moulded together. In 1869, a fire destroyed Grand Lodge headquarters and the charter, then in its metal tube, was saved from the flames by Grand Master Kendall, who crawled into the burning building at the peril of his life. It has taken a long time for Negro Masons to secure this recognition, but steady research, careful records, and determination have at last accomplished this result.

Masonic Legitimacy

Courier, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Almost every literate Negro knows something about the legal battle which is currently being conducted against restrictive covenants and is impressed with the significance of the action being taken to have the Supreme Court outlaw such covenants.

But many Negroes are uninformed about another legal battle which is just as significant, if not as important. This is the conflict between legitimate or Prince Hall Masons and so-called clandestine Masonic groups.

Sat. 11-1-47

In 1775, Prince Hall, a versatile Negro living in Boston, organized the first Negro Masonic lodge in this country. He was aided by British soldiers then garrisoned in Boston. Estopped from obtaining a warrant from either of the grand lodges then existing in Massachusetts, Prince Hall sought a warrant directly from the mother lodge in England. He obtained the warrant and established just as pure and legitimate an origin for Negro Masonry as for white Masonry.

In other words, Prince Hall Masonry and so-called white Masons come from the same stock in England. They are the same. In the early days, Prince Hall lodges had white members.

Just before the middle of the last century, certain colored Masons, for one reason or another, sought to set up lodges beyond the Prince Hall jurisdiction. Ever since, there has been a body of what is known as clandestine lodges.

11-1-47

The existence of such lodges has made all Negro Masonry suspect in the eyes of white Masonry.

However, Prince Hall Masonry is now engaged in several States, not only in perfecting its own legitimacy, but also, through the courts, in driving clandestine Masonry to cover.

The conflict will probably be long and bitter. Clandestine Masonry, largely because of the purposes of its organizers, is often found strong and entrenched. But in spirit and in law, it is outside the true realm of Masonry, recognized the world over.

Prince Hall Masons are on the right track. Their brand of Masonry is the same as, and just as good as, any the whites have to offer.

The Winds Of Time

In fact, because of its background and the principles upon which it is founded, Masonry ought to be the first of the great fraternal orders to completely abolish the color line.

Masonic Grand Masters Elect C. R. Richardson

Conference Name Changed; Legal Body Formed to Lead Fight Against Pretenders

TULSA, Okla. — Cornelius R. Richardson, grand master of Indiana, who has been acting president of the Grand Masters Conference of Prince Hall Masons since the death of John L. Webb, grand master of Mississippi, last August, was elected permanent leader of the fraternal body here last week.

The three-day conference was the guest of the Oklahoma grand lodge, whose grand master is Amos T. Hall, second vice-president. J. Wesley Dobbs, secretary and grand master of Georgia, reported over 100 delegates from 21 of 27 lodges present. There are only 39 grand lodges in the US., and Canada.

Body Changes Name

The conference changed its name from the International Conference of Grand Masters to the Grand Masters Conference of Prince Hall Masons in order to establish its identity with Prince Hall Masons out of deference to the recent victory of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge.

Prince Hall Masons in Massachusetts recently were recognized by the State white grand lodge as the only legimate Masons in the United States.

Fight 'Bogus' Groups

Among the reports made was that of Mr. Hall, chairman of the committee on clandestine Masonry, who reviewed legal steps taken to bar clandestine Masonry from Oklahoma and suggested what could be done in other States.

A legal committee of attorney members was set up to fight "bogus" Masonry.

Special messages were given by Raymond E. Jackson, Shrine imperial potentate; Willard W. Allen, grand commander of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite, Southern jurisdiction and James A. (Billboard) Jackson, Shrine imperial publicist, and the only honorary conference member.

Washington In 1948

The conference will hold its next meeting in 1948 in Washington. This will be the centennial communication and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C. Dr. Melvin J. Kay, grand master, will be hosts.

Other officers of the conference are:

Morris J. Hicks, grand master of Massachusetts. second vice president; Dr. G. B. Kay, grand master of Missouri, treasurer; the Rev. C. W. Lawrence, (N.C.), chaplain; H. S. Mann, grand master of New Jersey, sergeant-at-arms; George W. Smith, (Ga.), chorister and Rudolph Johnson, (Ill.), publicist.

Court Outlaws 5 Philly Lodges

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Sought Charter in Name of Masons

PITTSBURGH — The State Superior Court last week outlawed five Philadelphia lodges which sought a charter as Masons.

The high court's decision was handed down on an appeal in October, 1945, by the Pennsylvania Grand Masonic Lodge from a ruling by a Philadelphia Common Pleas Court approving the lodge's application for a charter.

Ruling against the lodges, which were organized in 1938, the Superior Court asserted that their assumption of the name of Masons was fraudulent and "such a fraud will not be tolerated by the Courts." Sat. 5-3-47

Organization Challenged

According to testimony in the lower court, Edwin Scott and four other men organized the lodges, among which were the Rising Star, New Bethlehem and Quaker City Lodges.

They applied for a charter to incorporate them into a grand lodge to be known as "Most Worshipful Widows' Sons Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Colored Masons of Pennsylvania."

The Pennsylvania Grand Masonic Lodge charged that it was the intention of Scott and others to organize lodges throughout the State if granted a charter.

Counsel Charges Fraud

John F. Williams, Philadelphia attorney, representing the Pennsylvania Grand Masonic Lodge, argued before the State Superior Court that incorporation of the lodges would be a fraud, both upon the Masonic Order and the public. Sat. 5-3-47

Hailed by fraternal circles throughout the State, the decision is viewed as a legal barrier against the formation of bogus lodges which seek to exploit the names of established orders.

Grand Master Happy

Magistrate Hobson R. Reynolds of Philadelphia, grand master of the Pennsylvania Grand Masonic Lodge, known as Prince Hall Grand Lodge, asserted:

"This is the decision the Masonic Order all over the country has been waiting for. When I was in Oklahoma last week to a Masonic convention, the delegates were interested in the outcome of our fight in Pennsylvania to outlaw these spurious organizations.

"This case will be used by lodges throughout the country as a precedent. It will now help us to destroy the plague of bogus Masonic organizations."

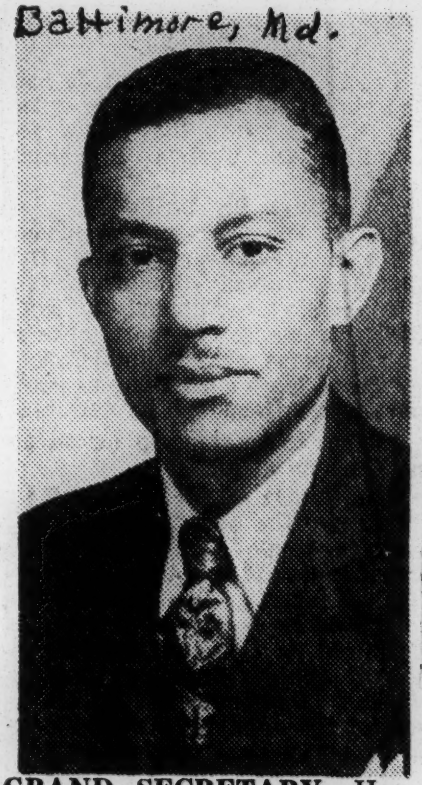
Wilbur C. Douglass of Pittsburgh served with Mr. Williams as counsel for the Grand Lodge, and John R. K. Scott, Hardie Scott and William T. Connor represented the outlawed lodges.

Afro-American

GRAND MASTER — After serving for five years, Louis Fair Jr., re-elected Grand Master of the Prince Hall Masons in New York, becomes first salaried full-time head of the order in that State.

Masonic Head Put on Salary

Baltimore, Md.



GRAND SECRETARY—Henry A. Rhodes of Brooklyn, N.Y., was elected grand secretary of the New York State Prince Hall Masons at their recent 102nd annual convention in Buffalo, N.Y.

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

$5,000 Per Annum Voted at Buffalo Convention

Sat. 6-21-47

NEW YORK.—The Prince Hall Masons of this State have decided to make their grand master a full-time employee. At their recent convention in Buffalo, he was voted a salary of $5,000 per annum.

Louis B. Fair Jr. of Brooklyn was re-elected grand master. He has held this office for five years, and reported that the membership is now more than 5,000—a 100% increase for that period.

Others elected were:

Henry A. Rhodes, former assistant grand secretary, grand secretary; Sidonia M. Fray, former grand secretay, junior grand warden; Arthur T. Giddings of Yonkers, deputy grand master; Ernest DuBois, Rochester, senior grand warden; and Arthur S. Simmons, New York, grand treasurer.

Own $300,000 Temple

Prince Hall Masons in New York own free and clear a temple located at 454 W. 155th St., valued at $300,000, and five adjacent city lots on which they plan an additional building. Sat. 6-21-47

Visitors to the Buffalo convention included E. A. Norrell, head of Prince Hall Masons of Virginia, and Dorrell Allen, representing the grand master from the Province of Ontario, Canada.

Lodge's Affiliations Upheld by Committee

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Boston Group Finds Original Charter 54 Years Older Than Theirs; to Continue Jim Crow Plan

Sat. 3-29-47

BOSTON—The Masonic Order, resident of Boston, to be its mas- is Prince Hall Grand A. M. of Massachusetts.

Prince Hall Association, was approved by the Masonic Lodge, white, last week, which adopted a report by a committee of six white Past Grand Masters, who have been investigating colored Masonry in the city for nearly a year.

The committee said that it had recently inspected the original charter of African Lodge 459, granted by "authority of the Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master of Provincial Grand Master of North our own mother Grand Lodge of England, dated Sept. 29, 1784, appointing Prince Hall, colored, a

Only Original Charter

The report said there is no other Grand Lodge in America which has a committee possesses an original of such claims and charter granted to it by authority of the so far is that the Grand Lodge of England."

The committee was shown documentary evidence that African Masons alone are entitled to legitimacy among minorities in Massachusetts."

No Evidence of Other Masons

Original charter of African Lodge, No. 459, was dated Sept. 29, 1784. The Lodge began to function in 1787. Today the name is Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Massachusetts.

There may be other colored groups who claim to be Masons, according to the Committee, but "We find no evidence in support of such claims and our conclusion so far is that the Prince Hall Free Masons are entitled to legitimacy among minorities in Massachusetts."

Sat. 3-29-47

Stick to Jim-Crow

Having found out that they and its successors have been functioning in Massachusetts in good faith and with the belief that their origin and proceedings being set up by the same authorities which set the whites up, and that they, the whites, are only as we have thought ours to be," said the committee makes this jim crow statement:

"It is advisable for the official and organized activities of white and colored Free Masons to proceed in parallel lines, but organically separate and without mutually embarrassing demands or commitments."

Alabama Masons Report Big Surplus

Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sat. 8-9-47

ANNISTON, Ala.—The seventy-seventh annual Grand Lodge of Alabama's Ancient Free and Accepted Prince Hall Masons closed here Wednesday. Grand Master Charles V. Hendley of Birmingham reported a 1947 surplus of $234,973.24 out of total receipts of $404,544.66 during the fiscal year. A total of 549 subordinate lodges with 40,000 members are active.

The sessions opened Sunday at the Seventeenth Street Baptist Church. Among the outstanding Alabama Masonic leaders present were Deputy Grand Master L. W. Wilson, Snow Hill; Endowment Secretary Fred C. Jenkins, Birmingham; Grand Treasurer M. Martin, Union Springs; Grand Medical Registrar Dr. A. B. McKenzie, Tuscaloosa, and Grand Endowment Treasurer E. T. Belsaw of Mobile.

ANNUAL ADDRESS

Grand Master Hendley delivered his annual address Tuesday morning. The memorial address was made by the Rev. Charles E. Stewart, pastor of Bethel AME Church, New York City. Present as a visitor was Grand Master John W. Dobbs of the Georgia Masons.

Mr. Hendley pointed out that the Grand Lodge had grown greatly since 1936, coming from a membership then of 6,246 to a total of 40,966 this year. Total receipts during his ten-year tenure of office have been $2,055,656.38, with expense of $1,184,759.72, leaving a ten-year surplus of $970,896.66.

Aid to widows and orphans has been accelerated and scholarships for children of Masons have been increased.

Masons Re-elect All Officers

Chicago Defender

EAST CHICAGO — The entire grand officer slate of M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana was re-elected last week when the organization held its 91st annual convention here Aug. 12-14.

Cornelius R. Richardson, of Richmond, Ind., was again named most worshipful grand master for the state. Lake County Masons re-elected included Edgar J. Davis, of East Chicago, right worshipful deputy grand master; P. J. Johnson, worshipful grand tyler, and James W. Lewis, of Gary, grand district deputy for the Calumet district.

Chicago, Ill.

Twin City Lodge was host Aug. 23 of this year marking its 30th anniversary. Present for the convention as honored guest was John H. Tinsley, organizer and first worshipful master of Twin

5,000 Masons At 93rd Annual Meet On Coast

Sat. 7-26-47
Chicago Defender, Chicago Ill

BERKELEY, Calif. — More than 5,000 fraternal members attended the five-day meeting of the 93rd annual communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of California, which opened at Willard High School here Monday. Members of the brotherhood included those of the grand lodge grand chapter, and grand chapter of the Heroines of Jerico.

A grand promenade and ball at the Oakland City Auditorium was the big feature of the opening night's entertainment. On Friday, July 25, the grand sessions of the grand court of the Heroines of Jericho will end the meet at the East Gate Masonic Hall.

Heading the Los Angeles delegation were Miss Lillard G. Dandridge, grand secretary; Otto J. Johnson Jr., master of Holland Lodge 20; Will W. Johnson, grand lecturer; M. Earl Grant, grand trustee; Titus P. Martin, Jerome L. Hubert and John C. Sims.

Henry W. Godfrey was chairman of arrangements for the communication. Vice Chairman was Emmett H. Harrison, with Mrs. Julia Carter as secretary and Fred Mann treasurer. Other committee chairmen included Mrs. Emily P. Anderson, housing; Mrs. Ethel Buford, registration; Anthony Abraham, transportation; and Mrs. Woneva Simpson, advertising.

High Court Outlaws Bogus Masons, Upholds Prince Hall Grand Lodge

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Ill., Sat. 5-3-47

PHILADELPHIA — An opinion handed down by the Superior Court here has denied the claims of allegedly bogus Masons in the state of Pennsylvania and legally established the legitimacy of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

The Superior Court decision ended a two-year fight by the Prince Hall Masons to prevent spurious Masons from securing articles of incorporation. It reversed an opinion of lower courts of Philadelphia.

Testimony taken in the lower court disclosed that Edward Scott, along with four other men, began organizing various so-called Masonic lodges. Listed as such lodges were the Rising Sun, New Bethlehem, Quaker City and several others.

After several of these lodges were organized in Philadelphia an application was made to the Common Pleas Court of Philadelphia for the incorporation of all of the lodges into a Grand Lodge which was to be known as the "Most Worshipful Widow's Sons Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Colored Masons of Pennsylvania."

Sat. 5-3-47

The Grand Masonic lodge of Pennsylvania, which has existed for over 130 years and which was known as the "Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania" fought the action. John Francis Williams, Philadelphia attorney, along with Wilbur C. Douglass, of Pittsburgh, Grand Attorney for the Lodge, were retained by the Prince Hall group. Common Pleas Court No. 1 approved the Widow's Son application. An appeal was taken to the Superior Court where the lower court was found in error.

Lodges Hail Victory

Victory of the Prince Hall Masons is being hailed by both white and colored Masonic Lodges because it is the first ruling of its kind by the Superior Court in the history of Masonry, and will serve to put an end to the numerous bogus Masonic orders which have plagued both the Negro and white Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania.

Magistrate Hobson R. Reynolds, Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, when advised of the decision, said, "Many men have been mislead into joining these bogus Masonic lodges. All good men in the clandestine lodges who can qualify will be welcomed into the ranks of legitimate Prince Hall Masonic Lodges. This is the decision the Masonic Order all over the country has been waiting for. When I was in Oklahoma last week to a meeting of Prince Hall Grand Masters the entire convention was interested in the outcome of our fight in Pennsylvania to outlaw these spurious Masonic organizations. This case will be used by lodges throughout the country as a precedent, I am sure. It will now help us to destroy the plague of bogus Masonic organizations. Mr. Williams and Mr. Douglass are to be commended upon this great victory."

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Shriners Elect W. M. Thomas Illustrious Potentate

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.
Fri. 1-10-47

NOBLE W. M. THOMAS

COLUMBUS, Ga.—(SNS)—

Al Faruk Temple No. 145, Ancient Egyptian Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine held its annual election on last Thursday night. Illustrious Potentate J. D. Pierce declared all offices vacant and appointed Noble Samuel Sapp to hold the election of officers for 1947. The election was carried out without the least interruption and the following officers were elected:

Illustrious Potentate, Noble W. M. Thomas; Chief Rabban, Noble J. S. Stanback, Jr.; Assistant Rabban, Noble James Fletcher; High Priest and Prophet, Noble V. W. Jackson; Oriental Guid, Noble Halley Thomas; Treasurer, Noble William Webb; Recorder, Noble Cordell Jones. 1-10-47

Al Faruk Temple was created in May of 1945 with a small group of 32 Degree Masons and has since doubled itself several times. Past Potentate Gunn was the first to preside in the East and was instrumental in the birth of the Temple.

Shrine Counc

$50,000 Goal Attained for Cancer-TB Research

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Six Nobles Awarded Life Memberships; Most Officers Kept; St. Louis in 1948

Sat. 8-30-47

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The 46th annual convention of the Shriners, closed early Friday morning, with all major goals attained and Raymond Jackson, of Buffalo, N.Y., Imperial Potentate, looming as one of the influentual figures on the fraternal horizon in America today.

Six thousad nobles, representing 131 temples and a membership now in excess of 16,000, heralded the re-election of Jackson by acclamation by the delegates.

The beauty contest, Wednesday evening, culminated the first annual drive for funds for the National Charities Foundation for its project in tuberculosis and cancer research. The goal of $50,000 was reached at the session and placed in trust.

The Imperial Potentate and his Divan were empowered by the council to determine the rules governing awards for research in cancer and tuberculosis. So successful was the fund drive that the order increased the goal to $100,000 to be reached by next year.

Appeals High Court Decision

Early in the week it was learned that the Imperial Council, through its legal department headed by Levi H. Morris, imperial legal advisor, had not reinstated the four members who were expelled at the convention in Philadelphia last year, but has appealed the Pennsylvania Superior Court decision to the State Supreme Court. Sat. 8-30-47

The 46th conclave opened formally on Monday morning at the Westside Memorial Building, where all sessions were held, with an official welcome to the city by Mayor Joseph Altman. Attorney William A. Dart represented the Atlantic City Board of Trade.

Call for Equal Rights

Following a study of conditions throughout the country today, the resolutions committee offered a resolution asking that the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 be amended so that the Veterans Administration will have full and complete supervision of the funds dispensed under the act.

The following resolution also was passed and a copy forwarded to President Harry Truman at Washington:

"Whereas the President of the United States has enunciated certain principles and objectives for the furtherance of democracy to America's millions, especially in the field of civil rights;

Be it therefore resolved: That this Imperial Council let it be known to the president that its members oppose all forms of American fascism and suggests that such bodies of the Government instrumental in debasing these forces now prevalent in America be augmented for the full enforcement of all our laws regarding civil rights."

The resolution also called for equality in housing, job opportunities and health facilities in the remotest areas.

Receive Life Memberships

Life Memberships were conferred by the Imperial Potentate Jackson, upon six nobles at the closing session Thursday evening. Those receiving such honorary certificates were:

C. Henry Lewis, Assistant Imperial Legal Advisor, Detroit; R. Hill Brown of Atlantic City; R. Nelson Welford, Alexandria, Va.; Robert W. Anderson, Richmond; Grant E. Biddle, Baltimore; and Lillard Dandridge of San Francisco.

Azure Temple No. 38 of Atlantic City, Rabban Moseley, illustrious potentate, was host to the convention with Charles Randall, chairman of the general committee. Sat.

1948 Council at St. Louis

The Imperial Council, voted to hold the 47th annual convention in St. Louis. The invitation from the Midwestern city was presented by Robert Turner, illustrious potentate of Medina Temple No. 39. Supportin the request was Dr G. B. Key, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of Missouri.

Few Changes in Officers

Almost the entire staff was re-elected for terms of three years. New members of the divan are:

Claude E. Watkins, Marion, Ind., who succeeds William H. Jones of Chicago, as imperial second ceremonial Master; William E. Greene, Detroit, who succeeds H. C. Holman of Suffolk, Va., as imperial captain of the guard; and Edward C. Heath, of Newark, N.J. who succeeds Claude R. Watkins of Marion, Ind., as imperial outer guard.

Charles P. Howard of Des Moines, Iowa, was appointed Imperial director of public relations, succeeding Col. Howard Gilbert of Columbus, Ohio. Sat. 8-30-47

The Imperial Potentate was installed by John Wesley Dobbs grand master, Prince Hall Masons of the State of Georgia and he in turn installed his cabinet.

Double Charity, Shriners Urged

Chicago Defender
Chicago
Sat. 8-30-47

ATLANTIC CITY — (NNPA)—Following his reelection here last Wednesday as Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Raymond E. Jackson of Buffalo, N. Y., read his annual report to the delegates of the 46th annual convention, relating progress of the order in the fields of charity, public service and national health.

Pointing out that the charity extended by the order must be placed on a firmer basis and must be made to better help mankind if the order is to grow in stature, he called for added interest in

Emphasizing that Shriners were the first colored organization to embark on a charity program national in scope, Jackson declared that the $50,000 foundation was a ridiculous sum and during the ensuing year I would like to have this amount doubled."

Jackson recommended the raising of $100,000 for tuberculosis and cancer research during next year, reminding the delegates that "Charity is the only purpose for which we are organized."

Shriners

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convention of the Imperial Council
of the Mystic Shrine, Inc., and the
Imperial Court of Isis.

Mayor Welcomes Delegates

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Knights of Columbus Admits First Negro

Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier
Sat. 4-12-47

(From Los Angeles Bureau)

LOS ANGELES—First Negro to be received into membership by the California Knights of Columbus is Charles Jones, Loyola University of Los Angeles freshman, the school's student paper reported in a feature story in its last week's issue.

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Alpha Phi Alpha Holds 32nd Annual Convention

World Memphis, Tenn. Fri. 1-10-47
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SOUTHERN DELEGATION AT ALPHA CONCLAVE — Delegates and visiting fraters from the Southern Jurisdiction, largest area of the four from standpoint of chapters, are shown in front of East High School, Columbus, Ohio, during the Thirty-Second General Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Profs. Charles Tarpley, III and S. M. Smith, (second and third, front row, in order named) both teachers in the Memphis public schools, represented Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter as official delegates, while Lewis O. Swingler, (7th from left end, front) gave his annual report as Editor of the Sphinx official organ of the Fraternity. Editor Swingler is also Managing Editor of the Memphis World.

Others shown in picture are James Cummings (with banner) and LeRoy Collins, Lay Members of the Executive Council; Dr. Robert P. Daniel, president of Shaw University and Chairman of the Budget Committee; Meredith S. Ferguson, Nashville banker, general treasurer; Dr. Henry A. Callis of Washington, D. C., one of the Seven Founders; (6th from left end front) W. D. Hawkins, Fisk University Administrative Assistant, and Chairman of the Auditing Committee; Dr. William H. Gray, Jr., president of Florida A. and M. College and Southern Vice President; Aaron L. Allen, district sales manager of Metal Arts, Official Jeweler for the Fraternity, M. D. [illegible] of Knoxville; Andrew J. Lewis, Chairman of the Credentials Committee and prominent civic leader of Atlanta; Prof. J.O. Slade of Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Ga.; Prof. Horatio Lamar, Augusta, Ga., educator; H. Lovell Mosely and Prof. Bell, both well known educators of Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. Warren of Southern University, Scotlandville, La.; Dr. Smiley, prominent Columbia, S. C. dentist and Prof. Walter E. Morial of New Orleans, La., Messrs. Allen and Morial are also Regional Directors.

Many of these Alphamen plan to come to Memphis during late spring when the Southern Jurisdiction, under leadership of Dr. Gray, will hold its first Regional Conference in the Bluff City with Alpha Delta Lambda and Beta Xi serving as official hosts. Arrangements for the Conference will start at the first chapter meeting of the year next Thursday, January 16th. New Chapter officers will also be installed at this meeting, ushering in Mr. Tarpley as president and his brother, Marvin Tarpley as the chapter secretary. Delegates to the recent convention will likewise make their reports.

Paul Robeson, Lawson, Tobias, Wesley, Logan, Yergan, Head Array Of Speakers

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Tulsa, Oklahoma Chosen For 1947 Meet

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BY
J. RUPERT PICOTT

COLUMBUS, OHIO, JAN. 1, 1947 Lauding Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for its unique and pioneer program of Internationalism which has been and is focusing attention on the problems of minority peoples throughout the world, Paul Robeson, noted stage, concert and screen star, declared at a public meeting held here as part of the organizaiton's thirty-second annual convention that "elimination of prejudice and discrimination is the job of all of our people, not of a few. Educated men can best serve by providing the dynamic courageous leadership needed."

Mr. Robeson, who was featured speaker at the annual session of Alpha Phi Alpha's powerful Committee on International Relations Among Minorities; and pledged support to other groups working for a better America, such as the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, Council on African Affairs, and OTHERS.

Tulsa, Oklahoma was chosen as America's oldest Greek letter group among Negroes drew sustained applause from an audience of almost 5,000 when he exclaimed "I believe in human dignity and the greatest insult to me as members of my race is to be told you can go this far and no further." "The Negro," he said, "must join with people everywhere in the cause of freedom."

Other nationally and internationally known participants at this convention included Belford V. Lawson, Jr., Washington D. C. attorney; Dr. Channing Tobias, Director and Chairman of Alpha Phi Alpha's powerful Committee on Inter-national Relations Among Minorities; and others.

Sparked by the General President Lawson's "Call for Action," authorized expansion in the fraternity's program which has already aided in the solution of legal problems facing Negroes; directed that special emphasis be placed on increased participation by younger men in the fraternity's councils in order that they may have every opportunity to develop their capacity for leadership; acknowledged the special work of its Committee on International Relations Among Minorities; and pledged support to other groups working for a better America, such as the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, Council on African Affairs, and OTHERS.

Tulsa, Oklahoma was chosen as

site for the fraternity's 1947 convention.

Re-elected to office were General President: Belford V. Lawson, Jr.; First Vice-President William N. Lovelace; Second Vice-President: Wm. H. Gray; Third Vice-President: Louis H. Schuster; Fourth Vice-President: A. Maceo Smith; General Secretary: Burt A. Mayberry; General Treasurer: M. G. Ferguson; Editor of the Sphinx: Lewis O. Swingler; Director of Educational Activities: H. Councill Trenholm; and General Counsel: Charles Lane.

Stanley Warns Free Ballot Must Be Kept

Daily World, Atlanta, Ga.
Wed. 4-16-47

COLUMBIA, S C — Frank L Stanley, President of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, was guest speaker for Alpha Psi Lambda Chapter, Columbia, S C., of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, in its annual observance of Education for Citizenship Week, told South Carolinians at Allen University Auditorium last Sunday that "more important than anything else we must secure and keep free exercise of the ballot throughout these United States for all citizens regardless of station in life. Until then we cannot have truly representative government, nor can we hope to attain a workable democracy."

The Louisville Defender publisher, who inspected American troops in Europe last summer for Secretary of War Patterson, admonished: "We have failed both at home and abroad to make democracy function to its fullest extent and time is running out on us."

He warned further that until the privileged classes accord first class citizenship to all Americans "we never will be able to effect democracy outside our borders; thereby rendering ourselves unfit for that world leadership expected of us and for which we expended millions of lives to win."

Stanley was introduced by Bishop Frank Madison Reid of the AME Church.

Robeson Awarded Alpha Medallion

Chi. American
Baltimore, Md.

PHILADELPHIA

Paul Robeson, famed singer, warned students of Lincoln University that they "should not dissociate themselves from their people merely because they have acquired an education" as he received the Alpha Medalion, Monday evening.

Robeson, a member of Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, which made the annual award, was honored for his role as "a champion of freedom," at formal ceremonies in the University Chapel. Sat. 5-24-47

The honoree was the first member of Nu Chapter to receive the medalion.

The Rutgers graduate became a member of the chapter in 1923, while he was football coach at Lincoln.

800 Attend Reception

Following the formal presentation of the award by William Norton of Boston, junior classman, who is chairman of the Alpha Forum, a reception was held at the home of Dr. Horace Mann Bond, Lincoln president, with more than 800 persons present.

Robeson sang "Old Man River," "The House I Live In," and two English songs, one of which was "No John, No John, No John."

At a closed smoker for fraternity members, he did the farewell scene from "Othello."

Last year, the award was presented to Marian Anderson, singer; and Harold L. Ickes, former Secretary of the Interior.

Robeson Lauds Alphas on Minorities Program

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md. Sat.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Lauding Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for focusing attention on the problems of minority peoples throughout the world, Paul Robeson, noted singer, declared that "elimination of prejudice and discrimination is the job of all of our people, not of a few. 1-11-47

"Educated men can best serve by providing the dynamic and courageous leadership needed," he told the public meeting, here, Jan. 1, that climaxed the organization's 32nd annual convention.

The delegates chose Tulsa, Okla., as the site for the 1947 convention. They approved resolutions urging continuation of their legal action program, enlarged participation of youths in the fraternity's councils and continuation of its international minorities work. Sat 1-4-47

Prominent Participants

Other nationally and internationally known participants at this convention included:

Belford V. Lawson Jr., Washington attorney; Dr. Channing Tobias, director, Phelps Stokes Fund, New York; Dr. Rayford W. Logan, historian and chairman of the fraternity's committee on international relations among minorities; Dr. Charles H. Wesley, Wilberforce University president;

Max Yergan, executive director, Council on African Affairs, New York; Robert P. Daniel, president of Shaw University; Raleigh, N.C.; Albertus B. Conn, assistant attorney general of Ohio; James S. Rhodes, Mayor of Columbus, Ohio; H. H. Davis, vice-president, Ohio State University;

A. Maceo Smith, Dallas, Texas business man; William H. Gray, president, Florida A. and M. College; Louis H. Schuster, Virginia State College professor; Juan Sandifer, New York Attorney; H. Council Trenholm, executive secretary; American Teachers Association; Rev. Karl Downs, Sam Houston College; William N. Lovelace, Cincinnati attorney; Burt A. Mayberry, Kansas City assistant school principal, Albert Jones, University of California student; Lewis O. Swingler, Memphis,

Re-elected to office were:

Belford V. Lawson Jr., president, William N. Lovelace, first vice-president; William H. Gray, second vice-president; Louis H. Schuster, third vice-president; A. Maceo Smith, fourth vice-president; 1-11-47

Burt A. Mayberry, secretary; M. G. Ferguson, treasurer; Lewis O. Swingler, editor of the Sphinx, H. Councill Trenholm, director of educational activities; and Charles Lane, counsel.

ALPHAS END CONVENTION IN TULSA THIS EVENING

Wed 12-31-47

TULSA, Okla. — Other speakers besides former Vice President Henry A. Wallace on Sunday's program, included Attorney B. V. Lawson, of Washington, D. C., General President of the Alpha Phi Alpha Convention who outlined the objectives of the fraternity; Mrs. Edna O. Gray, of Baltimore, Maryland, Supreme Basileus of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Rev. A. Wayman Ward of Chicago and Rev. C. K. Stalnaker, pastor of First Baptist Church. Wed. 12-31-47

Greetings were extended by members of the Pan-Hellenic Council.

Mayor Price of Tulsa in his official welcome to delegates and visitors on behalf of the city, declared that any organization committed to the principle and practice of brotherhood was enthusiastically welcomed in the midst of the community.

More than four hundred delegates and visiting Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity men had registered for the convention by Sunday afternoon. They came from all sections of the country. Wed 12-31-47

The Tulsa Convention was the first General Session to be held in the Western Jurisdiction presided over by A. Maceo Smith of Dallas, Texas, Western Vice President.

Two cities had made major bids for the 1948 Conventions at this writing. They were Atlantic City, N. J., and Daytona Beach, Florida.

Final session will be held Wednesday night, December 31st at the traditional Banquet Reception. Guest speaker wil be Prof. Hobart Jarrett of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Prof. of English at Langston University.

Four Alpha Chapters Elect Delegates

World-Atlanta, Ga.

There will be delegates and alternates from the Alpha Phi Alpha Chapters in this city attending the National Alpha Phi Alpha Convention to be held in Tulsa, Oklamoha, the last four days in December. The convention opens in the Tulsa Municipal Auditorium on December 27th, and will be in continuous session until midnight Dec. 31st. They will have religious services on Sunday, Dec. 28th. B1060

It is understood that a special sleeper is to leave Nashville about 2:00 a. m., on Dec. 26, routed over the L and N. Railroad to St. Louis and the Frisco Railroad from St. Louis into Tulsa. Nashville Tenn

In this delegation there will be Mr. Meredith G. Ferguson, the treasurer of this national organization; Attorney R. B. J. Campbell, one of the convention auditors; Attorney W. D. Hawkins, another auditor; Rev Henry A. Boyd, a life member and senior delegate from the Chi Chapter, and the following others: Ulyses Wilhoyt, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Sneed, William Phillips and Charles Lee.

Each local chapter sends its delegation uninstructed, so it was learned, both as to officers for the ensuing year and the amendments to the Constitution, which amendments have been circulated throughout the United States to all of the Chapters, after they had cleared the general secretary's office in Kansas City. Nashville Tenn.

No indication as to who would invite the 1948 convention could be gleaned here, but it is common knowledge, said a leading Alpha this week, that Nashville has the largest number of financial members in the Alpha Fraternity in the United States. The general president is Attorney Belford V. Lawson of Washington, D. C., the general secretary is Prof. Burt A. Mayberry of Kansas City, Mo., with [illegible], president of Wilberforce, is the other such leading members as Wm. [illegible] historian for the organization.

It is claimed here by Alpha men that there are more college presidents holding membership in this Greek Letter Fraternity than in any other in the United States, and that it is the oldest and the first Greek letter Fraternity organided by Negroes in the United States.

Lewis O. Swingler, who resides in Memphis, Tenn. Dr. Chas. H. Wes-

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Alpha Phi Alpha

Charles Wesley Sounds Keynote Of 32nd Annual Alpha Convention

Chicago Defender 1/11

COLUMBUS, O. — (NNPA) — Charles H. Wesley, president of Wilberforce University, set the tone of the thirty-second annual convention of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity here when he told an overflow audience Friday, Dec. 27, in East High School's auditorium that concepts of nationalism and racism must be completely overcome by fraternalism if the world ever hopes to establish a permanent peace.

At the close of the convention the Alphas reelected all their national officers, added another undergraduate to the three already on its national executive committee, passed resolutions supporting anti-lynch, anti-poll tax, fair employment legislation, the 1947 Liberian centennial, and set its next annual meeting for Tulsa, Okla. next December 27.

Officers reelected included Belford Lawson, Washington, D. C., attorney, president; Burt A. Mabrey, Kansas City, Kans., secretary; M. G. Ferguson, Nashville Tenn., treasurer; William N. Loveland, St. Louis, first vice president; W. H. Gray, president, Florida A. and M. College, second vice president; Louis H. Schuster, Virginia State College, third vice president; A. Maceo Smith, Dallas, Texas, fourth vice president; Dr. Carter H. Wesley, historian; H. Council Trenholm, president Alabama State Teachers College, director of education; and Lewis O. Swingler, editor of the Memphis World, editor of the Sphinx, Alpha national organ.

Charles Lane Reelected 1-18-47

Charles F. Lane of Chicago was reelected general counsel. The undergraduates named on the executive council included James L. Cummings of Lane College, Jack-

the following nationally and internationally known speakers: Paul Robeson, concert singer and stage star; Dr. Channing H. Tobias, director, Phelps-Stokes foundation; Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Howard university. More than 5,000 persons attended.

Delegates From 32 States

The registration roster revealed delegates and visitors from thirty-two states. Edward J. Cox, Columbus' assistant city prosecutor, headed the registration committee.

At a public reception in East High School last Friday evening, Mayor James A. Rhodes welcomed the delegates and visiting Alpha men to Columbus.

Appearing with Mayor Rhodes were H. H. Davis, vice president of Ohio State university; Attorney Lawson, Dr. Wesley, R. P. Daniel, president of Shaw university; and A. B. Conn, assistant attorney general of the state of Ohio.

Social calendar for the convention was under the direction of Lucien C. Wright, Alpha Rho Lambda chapter, Columbus school principal, and Mrs. Paul Alexander, chairman of the Alpha Wives committee.

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Beautician's Sorority Sponsors Dawn Event

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--Ten women became charter members of Upsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Omega Sorority, a professional beautician's sorority, at a dawn breakfast, held last Wednesday at the ritzy Afro Club, 414 Eleventh Court.

Pittsburgh Courier

Ceremonies were directed by Mrs. Ruth J. Jackson, local Poro School head, with the ten beauticians, pledgees going through the candlelight activities which transformed them into full-fledged sorors.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sat. 7-19-47

Mrs. Alice P. Allen, secretary to the president of Miles College and national president of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, installed the following officers: Sorors Mary Blevins, basileus; Willie Mae Cooke, first anti-basileus; Leo Cobb, second anti-basileus; Gladys Neal, toleus; Ruth J. Jackson, antapokrites; Ella Mae Johnson, custodian; Alberta Bates, parliamentarian, and Fairy Cox, chaplain. Soror June Sample Green, chairman of the program committee, was absent.

Soror Lillian W. Howard of Psi Iota Chapter, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Soror Mary Henderson of Knoxville, Tenn., here for a three-day clinic, were the two out-of-city guests present.

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Riot Trial Lawyer Gets Kappa Award

Daily World

Atlanta, Ga.

NEW YORK, N. Y. — (NNPA) — Leon A. Ransom, attorney and militant champion of civil rights who acted as chief counsel attorney in the Columbia, Tennessee, race riot trials, was nominated for the 1947 Laurel Wreath Award of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity as the Kappas closed their thirty-sixth annual Grand Chapter meeting here last Tuesday. Wed. 1-8-47

A resolution calling for the prosecution of a workable housing program for veterans, another praising the United Nations Organization for its action with reference to minority group members and still another calling on President Truman and Attorney General Tom C. Clark to bring the Monroe, Georgia lynchers to justice were passed by the Kappamen.

PARKER REELECTED

Augustus Parker of Cleveland, Ohio, was reelected grand polemarch, Victor Hicks of Detroit was elected senior grand vice polemarch and Archie Davis of West Virginia State College was named as junior grand vice polemarch.

J. Ernest Wilkins, Sr., of Chicago was reelected grand keeper of the records and exchequer for the twenty-fifth time. Isaac N. Goggs, of Wisconsin University was elected grand strategus.

Members of the Kappa Grand Board of Directors include H. H. Walker of Nashville, Tennessee; Julius Morgan, Chicago and Joseph Jefferson, of Morehouse College. N. Webster Moore of Tulsa, Oklahoma was named grand historian and funds were appropriated for the writing of the history of Kappa Alpha Psi.

John M. Lee, of Philadelphia, one of the ten founders of the fraternity, was present as the Kappas voted to make a biennial $2500 fellowship award for graduate study or research.

In addition to continuing its present policy of making scholarships awards of $100 each to undergraduates of merit and need.

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Three hundred and fifty-two delegates from all parts o fthe nation attended the sessions held in the Masonic Temple at 155th and St. Nicholas Avenue. Six past grand polemarchs of the organization were present, including W. Ellis Stewart of Chicago, George F. David of Wilberforce, J. Jerome Peters of Tuskegee, James E. Scott of Washington and Carl R. Johnson of Kansas City.

Former holders of the Laurel Wreath attending the convention included Judge Armond W. Scott of Washington, D. C.; C. C. Spaulding of Durham, North Carolina and Mr. Stewart and Mr. Wilkins.

At the open public meeting held last Sunday in the 135th Street High School of Music and Art, Dr. James H. Sheldon, administrative chairman of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League of New York, delivered the principal address. Los Angeles was chosen as the next meeting place. 1-8-47

Kappas Elect Father, Son As Officers

Journal and Guide

Norfolk, Va.

By G. JAMES FLEMING

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—In an historic election, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity on Tuesday elected J. Ernest Wilkins of Chicago its national president (grand polemarch) and chose his son, J. Ernest Wilkins Jr., as national financial secretary-treasurer, to fill the place held by his father for 25 years. Sat. 8-30-47

With 400 members in attendance at the 37th annual meeting of this college organization, the elder Wilkins, well known Chicago lawyer, was selected by unanimous vote, while his son, who earned his Ph.D. degree in mathematics at 19, and is now 23, was nominated from the floor. Journal and Guide

Dr. Wilkins is industrial research mathematician with the American Optical Company, Buffalo, N. Y. 8-30-47

He also worked on research for the atomic bomb.

Other officers elected are: Victor L. Hicks, Detroit, senior grand vice polemarch; Robert M. Duncan, Columbus, Ohio, junior grand vice polemarch; Dr. Clyde R. Minor, Lincoln University (Mo.), grand historian; Lorenzo Gunn, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. grand strategus, and Fred Brown, Stowe College, St Louis, lieutenant strategus.

Named to the board of directors were: Frank La Vigne, captain, Los Angeles fire department, and Julius L. Morgan Chicago chemist.

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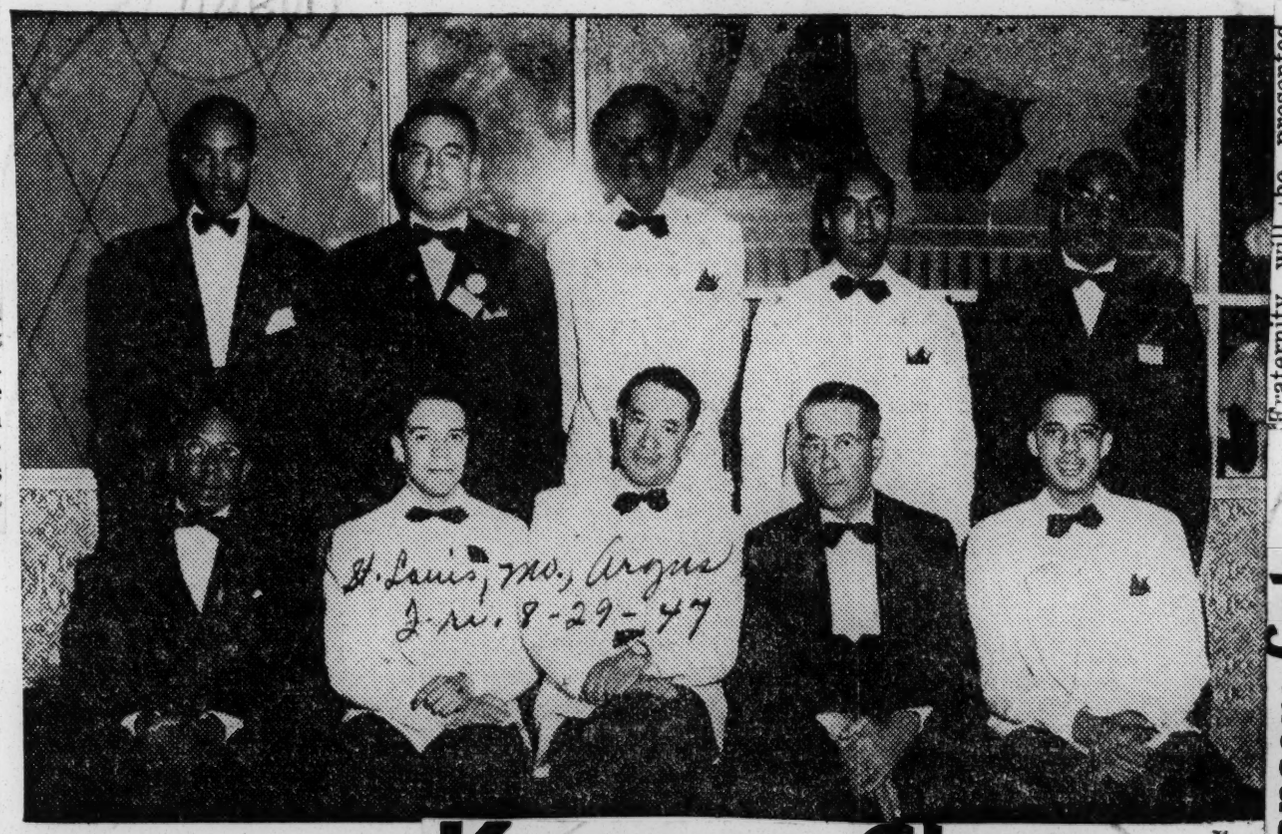
New Officers of Kappa Alpha Psi Frat



St. Louis, Mo., Argus 9-29-47

National Officers of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity elected at their 37th annual convention, Los Angeles 14-18, are, seated right to left:

Robert M. Duncan, Ohio State university, Junior Vice Grand Polemarch; Victor L. Hicks, Detroit, Senior Vice Grand Polemarch; Atty. J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, Grand Polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins, Jr., Buffalo, N.Y., Grand Keeper of Records and Exchecquer; Julius L. Morgan, Chicago, Board Member. 7 Ri. 8-29-47

(Standing R. to L.) Dr. Clyde R. Minor, Lincoln university, Jefferson City, Mo., Historian; Lorenzo Gunn, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., Grand Strategus; Charles C. Jefferson, Morehouse College, Board Member, Frank LaVigne, Los Angeles, Board Member, and Fred Brown, Stowe College, St. Louis, Mo., Lieutenant Grand Strategus.

Kappas Close 37th Conclave

Chicago Defender

Chicago, Ill.

LOS ANGELES—The Kappa Alpha Psi, national collegiate Greek letter fraternity, concluded its 37th annual conclave here last week with the election of J. Ernest Wilkins, of Chicago, grand polemarch, and his son, J. Ernest Wilkins Jr., national secretary-treasurer.

Chicago, with a visiting delegation of 33 members, won the distinction of having the largest visiting body. No public announcement was given the press regarding any outstanding projects planned during the forthcoming administration. Sat. 8-30-47

With 400 members present at the 37th annual meeting, this college organization named the elder Wilkins, outstanding local attorney, to its highest post by a unanimous vote. His son, who earned his Ph.D. in mathematics at 19 and who is now 23, was nominated from the floor. He is industrial research mathematician for the American Optical Company, Buffalo, N. Y., and former atom scientist.

Other officers elected were Victor L. Hicks, Detroit, senior grand vice polemach; Robert M. Duncan, Columbus, Ohio, junior grand vice polemarch; Dr. Clyde R. Minor, Lincoln University (Mo.), grand historian; Lorenzo Gunn, Morehouse college, Atlanta, grand strategus; Fred Brown, Stowe College, St. Louis, lieut. strategus.

Julius L. Morgan, Chicago chemlist, and Captain Frank LaVigne of the Los Angeles fire department, were named to the board of directors.

In a sharply pointed address, Atty. Earl B. Dickerson of Chicago told assembled fraternity delegates of the rise of American racism since the war, and urged Kappa Alpha Psi to move as a unified group to combat it.

Another convention highlight was an award to Atty. Leon Ransom of Washington, for winning acquittal of the 28 Negroes arrested in the Columbia, Tenn., riots over a year ago. The delegates also approved a $2,500 research fellowship

fraternity will be presented to Leon A. Ransom, former vice dean of the Howard University Law School and now a practicing attorney here, at ceremonies in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel on the university campus Sunday afternoon. Atlanta, Ga.

The presentation will be made by Earl Dickerson, of Chicago, former polemarch of the Kappa Alpha Psi

Ransom Gets Award Sunday

Daily World

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(NNPA)—The Laurel Wreath achivement award of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, for

more than 30 years a principal in the local school system, died here Saturday. 2 St. 1-15-47

Mr. Diggs, who was about 65, was a graduate of Howard and Indiana Universities. Members of the fraternity will conduct special rites on Tuesday night and funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m.

One of Kappa Founders, Elder W. Diggs Dies

Baltimore, Md.

INDIANAPOLIS — Elder W. Diggs, one of the founders of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, and for

The cerer nies will take place at 5:30 p.m. Wed. 11-26-47

Mr. Ransom was selected for the award upon the recommendation of an awards committee made to the Kappa convention in Los Angeles last summer.

The selection went to him because of his defense of the defendants in the Columbia, Tennessee, race riot trials. In a case which extended over a seven-month period, during which an all-white jury heard scores of witnesses in a trial electrified by racial tensions, as chief defense counsel he won acquittal for twenty-five defendants charged with inciting the riot. Later, on appeal, he succeeded in having the remaining two defendants freed.

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Omega Phi Psi

Omegas' Splendid Leadership

Atlanta, Ga. Daily World

The Eta Omega chapter of the Omega Phi Psi fraternity has taken a long step in the direction of civic advancement and social usefulness in the move it made here Monday night to place $1,000 at the disposal of the Georgia Legal Defense Committee for the purpose of waging an unrelenting fight against the White Primary laws enacted by the Georgia General Assembly.

Within ten minutes after the appeal was officially made to them Monday evening, the members peeled off $10 each of their personal reserves, voted unanimously to scrape the bottom of their social and dance treasury of the last remaining penny of a $175 fund to be given outright, and pledging another $140, bringing the total to $440 in cash as its beginning on the $1,000 for the cause. Thur. 2-27-47

Of recent years, there has been widespread criticism of the activities of Greek Lettered fraternities and sororities. Many Americans have held that these organizations exist only for fun and frolic; that they are undemocratic and snobbish and as such promote social stratification. In a measure, these criticisms have been valid. But we are going to have to beg to differ with these viewpoints insofar as our Atlanta Greek Letter chapters are concerned. Not only do these fraternities and sororities make good Atlanta citizens, but they do even more, they are good leaders. They answer every civic call and in a big way. Watch these Greek Letter orders. They are going to be a major factor in winning the fight against this white primary bill. Our concern is whether we can count upon other organizations to do their share in raising this $10,000 fund. There is no limit to the amount of money that will be needed. That is why officials placed the sum needed at a minimum of $10,000. Congratulations, Omegas, keep up the good work, and may others follow in your footsteps. Thurs. 2-27-47

Omegas Re-elect Col. Johnson; Detroit Gets 1947 Session

Afro-Am. Baltimore, Md. Sat. 1-11-47

Sat 1-11-47

FORT WORTH, Tex. — Col. Campbell C. Johnson of Washington, assistant to the Director of Selective Service, was re-elected grand basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at the 33rd annual conclave held here last week.

Other grand officers elected were:

John H. Calhoun, Atlanta, first vice basileus; Joseph T. Brooks, Morehouse College, Atlanta, second vice basileus; J. Arthur Weiseger, Washington, keeper of records and seals; Jesse B. Blayton, Atlanta, keeper of finance, and Charles W. Collins, New York City, editor-in-chief of the Oracle.

The 1947 session will be held in Detroit, Dec. 27 to 30. More than 576 delegates attended. Among them were five former grand basilei. Awards totaling $1,900 were also made.

They were Alexander Looby, Nashville, Tenn.; Alston Atkins, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Albert W. Dent, president, Dillard University; Judge George Vaughn, St. Louis, and Lt. Lawrence Oxley, Washington.

Atlantans To Be Well Represented At Omega Conclave

Sat 1-11-47

Morehouse Journ. Dec. 12-27-47

ATLANTA, Ga. — (SNS) — Atlanta Chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will be well represented at the Grand Conclave which meets in Detroit, Michigan Dec. 27-30th. C. B. Dansby, Morehouse College, will represent Eta Omega, graduate chapter, Calvin M. Snutt will represent Psi Chapter Morehouse College, Oscar Graham is a delegate from Omicron Chapter, Gammon Theological Seminary and Beta Psi, Clark College, Alpha Sigma, Morris Brown College and Tau Chapter, Atlanta University are also expected to send delegates. In addition, three national officers will go from this city: J. B. Blayton, Grand Keeper of Finance, J. H. Calhoun, 1st Vice Grand Basileus, Joseph T. Brooks, Jr., 2nd Vice Grand Basileus; also Roscoe Thomas and several other Atlanta members.

Reports from Norman B. Wells, Grand Marshall, Detroit, Michigan indicate that this will be the largest annual meeting in the history of the fraternity. All of the National Officers, District Representatives and delegates from more than 175 chapters in many states are expected. Outstanding persons who will appear on the program include: Governor William H. Hastie, Virgin Islands, Edward J. Jefferies retiring Mayor, and E. J. Van Antwerp, Mayor-Elect, of the City of Detroit, Williard Townsend, Vice President, CIO; Dr. Albert W Dent, President, Dilliard University, Dr. W. Montogue Cobb, Howard University Medical School, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Frank S. Horne, National Housing Administration, Washington, D. C.; Z. A. Looby, Nashville, Tennessee and Col. Campbell C. Johnson, Grand Basileus, Washington, D. C.

Birmingham World Achievement

"I am only a symbol of the leadership you have in Birmingham today," said Emory O. Jackson, editor of the Birmingham World in accepting the "Achievement Award presented to him by the Alpha Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for "Work in the Field of Public Service." 12-27-47

Omega made the award at the intermission of its Christmas Eve dance at the Elk's Rest.

Wiley E. Daniels, newly elected keeper of records and seal for the chapter, presented the award to "the fighting editor", detailing Mr. Jackson's militant battles on behalf of the vote, equal educational opportunities, economic justice and human goodwill.

Mr. Jackson is editor of the Birmingham World, president of the Alabama Newspaper Association, secretary of the Birmingham Branch of the NAACP, research director for the Progressive Democratic Council, and chairman of the executive committee of the Alabama Conference of NAACP Branches.

W. R. Maynard, manager of Jones Valley Finance Co. was re-elected basileus at a meeting held Sunday night in Pythian Temple. Other officers elected were Dr. R. C. Stewart, vice-basileus; T. L. Crowell, keeper of finance; Dr. Charles A. J. McPherson, keeper of finance emeritus. Mr. Daniels, keeper of records and seal; Richard Clark, assistant keeper; Heath, Jr., keeper of peace; William Clark, of records and seal; J. Garfield chapter editor and E. J. Oliver, chaplain.

Sat. 12-27-47

Mr. Maynard and Mr. Crowell are the chapter's delegates to the conclave convening in Detroit Dec. 27-30.

World Editor Winner

Sat. 12-27-47

Omega Psi Phi Conclave To Be Held In Detroit

Nashville Journ. Fri Dec. 19. 47

The members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will invade the Motor City for their 34th Grand Conclave, December 27-30. Detroit is ready for the Conclave.

The business sessions will feature the reports of the Grand Officers, Scholarship Commission, District Representatives, Housing Authority, Public Relations, and the Social Action Committee. During the 1945 Conclave the delegates established the Social Action Committee to work in such fields as public education, housing, full and fair employment, civil rights, the franchise and social security. The program was designed to set in motion machinery that will cause the fraternity to occupy a progressive and constructive place in the civil life of the nation.

The chairman of the National Social Action Committee is Col. Campbell C. Johnson, Grand Basileus of the Fraternity. Dr. Ira De A Reid, emminent sociologist of Atlanta University, and Dr. Robert C. Weaver, Director American Council on Race Relations, Chicago, Ill., Achievement Project Director for 1947 are special consultants. The sub-committee chairmen are as follows: Dr. Frank S. Horne, Administrative Assistant to the National Housing Expediter, Washington, D. C., and Dr. W. Montague Cobb, Howard University, Health and Housing; President Albert W. Dent of Dillard University, New Orleans., Education and Cultural Relations; Dr. James M. Nabrit, Secretary-Howard University, Washington, D. C., Legislation and Civil Rights and the Committee on Employment and Social Security is headed by Dr. John A. Davis formerly of Lincoln University, Oxford, Pennsylvania, now of Washington, D. C.

The Social Calendar includes many affairs given by Greek organizations. The highlight of the social Calendar will be the Founders' Reception in honor of Dr. Edgar Love, New York City, Dr. Oscar J. Cooper, Philadelphia, Penn., and Professor Frank Coleman of Howard University, Washington, D. C. 11-19-47

Governor William H. Hastie of the Virgin Islands and Dr. Willard S. Townsend, President of the United Transport Service Employees of America (CIO) will be speakers at the public meeting, December 30, 1947.

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PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY has selected April to issue its first bulletin of business facts, according to Dr. S. Edward Gilbert of the fraternity.

The bulletin is designed to clear up problems confronting small businesses.

Social Swirl

By OZEIL FRYER WOOLCOCK

World Atlanta, Ga

Atlanta Welcomes The Sigmas

Sun 12-28-47

MARION E. JACKSON

12-28-47

Pinch-Hitting For Society Editor Ozeil Woolcock

Atlanta has extended a cordial welcome to the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity now in session here. The 33rd Annual Conclave of the fraters has been highlighted by our traditional Southern hospitality which has been proven to be fact and not fiction. Our Gate City hosts and hostesses have opened their hearts and homes to the visitors and a blissful procession of parties has churned out a pattern of high Yule frivolity. The Gate City goodt'mers have shown the Greeks as well as the usual holiday visitors that we are equal to the occasion, when the situation demands fun, mirth, gaiety, and effervescence. In all of these fields we have chalked up new records and standards as we have "given out" our know how, for Yuletide visitors.

Nationally-famous Sigmas are in our midst. Among this group are Attorney George A. Parker of Washington, D. C.; E. R. Clemons Philadelphia, Pa.; Lynwood W. Brown, Richmond, Va.; James A. "Billboard" Jackson, New York, N. Y.; Horace F. Jackson, Chicago, Ill.; S. Edward Gilbert, St. Louis, Mo.; and George A. Blakey of Chicago, Ill.

Sun 12-23-47

Leading the Atlanta Sigmas in extending a wonderful time to the visitors is Dr. George L. Hightower. Equally prominent are R. A. Billings, C. M. Ashmore, E. C. Tate, William Hatton, Dewey Watkins, George Moore, C. C. Wright, J. C. Jones, B. F. Cofer, J. W. Banks, Joe W. Newson, Virgil Hodges, J. L. Wolfe, Joel W. Smith, R. O. Sutton, R. L. Chamberlain, H. D. Robinson, E. A Starling, Dean E. C. Mitchell, Julian H. Robinson, A. J. Lockhart, Calvin Wilcox, J. C. Jackson, B. F. Anderson, J. J. Anderson, J. J. Alexander, F. M. Nelson and Willie Scruggs.

Address Mass Meet This Afternoon

Approximately 300 delegates representing 47 Graduate and collegiate chapters of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, plunged into the business of the 33rd annual conclave which opened here Saturday morning. Attorney George W. Parker, National president, keynoted the opening session at 12 o'clock noon Saturday following an extended Executive Board meeting of the fraternity.

Impressive reports of progress and growth in the number of graduate and collegiate chapters were made. The delegates who packed the conference room at the Butler Street YMCA were high in their praise for the glowing accounts of expansion of the fraternity and the large number of chapters which are taking form on the various college campuses. Chief among these included the report of Zaid D. Lenoir, a member of the fraternity for 31 years and a delegate to 30 conclave sessions, told of his assignment as regional director of the Southwest District. For the Southern region, Attorney L. I. Alexander, the first and only Negro to operate a general insurance agency in Florida, made an impressive account of his activities in behalf of the fraternity for the year.

Phi Beta Sigma

A lively exchange of views and opinions took place following each of the reports. Significant on display are three educational trophies, to be awarded annually to the collegiate chapter of fraternity maintaining the highest scholastic average during the year. These awards were made possible by Dr. Alan Leroy Locke, Attorney George W. Lawrence, and Dr. I. L. Scruggs, Horace F. Johnson II is National Educational director for the fraternity.

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Dr. R. O. Johnson Sigmas New Prexy

World, Atlanta, Ga Ga.

Wed 12-31-47

Commending the President's Commission on Higher Education and roundly condemning Restrictive Housing Covenants, delegates to the 33rd annual session of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia December 27 through 30, concluded its most epochal meeting in its history. With 300 delegates representing 92 chapters throughout the Nation and comprising a total membership of 6500, the four-day session opened at the Butler Street YMCA on Saturday morning with Attorney George A. Parker, Dean of Robert H. Terrell Law School and National President, presiding.

Impressive reports from the directors of the National Fraternity's three-fold program were made, resulting in the setting in motion of long-range objectives strengthening the campaign for Bigger and Better business, Social action an Education, throughout the Nation.

Addressing a mass-meeting on Sunday afternoon at the Allen Temple AME Church Bishop William J. Walls, Chicago leader and church-man, told an estimated 2.000 delegates and visitors of the plight of the European people and pleaded for aid to relieve their suffering. The Bishop who has recently returned from a 35-Nation tour of the War-torn area under the sponsorship of the War Department, declared: "That 40 per cent of the students and 20 per cent of the teachers at Heidelberg, University have Tuberculosis because of undernourishment."

Resolutions Wed 12-31-47

The delegates voted strong endorsement of the work of The President's Civil Rights Committee, Commission on Higher Education, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, The National Urban League, and roundly condemned Restrictive Covenants. The Conclave also lauded Attorney General Tom Clark, who volunteered the service of the Justice Department behind the Restrictive Covenant suits, opposed Universal Military Training, lashed the evils of segregation and discrimination now existing in the Armed Services, urged the speedy passage of effective anti-lynching, anti-poll tax and Fair Employment Practice Legislation. The Conclave pledged continued moral and financial support to the United Negro College Fund.

Nelson Jackson, Southern Field Director for the National Urban League, addressed the conclave on Monday morning. The delegates were also favored with an address by John S. Corell, Veterans' Adviser, U. S. Department of Commerce on Small Business. Dean F. C. Mitchell, Morris Brown College, Atlanta, and George Robinson, retired school Principal, Louisville, Ky., were awarded Distinguished Service Keys, the highest honor the National Fraternity can bestow.

Retiring President, Attorney George A. Parker, popular and beloved, was lauded in a round of appreciation speeches by the delegates on Tuesday afternoon, when he gave his report on the state of the fraternity in which he recounted the growth in chapters, both Graduate and Collegiate, the expanding horizon of the social, educational and business phases of the fraternity under his administration. He also extended his appreciation to the other National officers who cooperated in making the work of Sigma the success it has been. Following this well-taken message, Attorney Parker, who was not permitted to succeed himself into office, called for the report of the nominating committee in which the following persons were unanimously elected and duly installed into office: 12-31-47

For president, Dr. R. O. Johnson, Assistant Director, Project for Adult Education for Negroes, U. S. Office of Education, who is on leave from Morris Brown College, Dr. Felix J. Brown, Vice-President, Julius Thomas, Chicago, Junior Vice-President, Linwoow W. Brown, Richmond, Va., Executive Secretary, Dr. George L. Hightower, Treasurer, S. Edword Gilbert, Director of Bigger and Better Business, St. Louis, Mo., Horace Johnson II, Director of Education, Chicago, Ill., L. F. Morse, Chaplain, Jacksonville, Fla., and George A. Parker, Director, Social Action.

Local Hosts ..... Wed .....

The conclave's resolutions committee, in addition to its citation to national agencies and institutions, paid high tribute to the splendid hospitality extended to them by Atlantans, without regards to sex or fraternal affiliation. Chief among these groups are: 12-31-47

The Butler Street YMCA, where "our meetings" have been held, the Lambda Sigma chapter, host to the conclave, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, that has been the ready servant to the comforts and needs of the delegates, the Sigma Shadows who also have been bounteous in their entertainment, the Pan-Hellenic, with its affiliated Greek Letter Organizations which contributed graciously the the entertainment of the delegates on Monday evening and the 27 club presenting a lovely party at the New Magnolia.

Other groups singled out for especial thanks included the Allen Temple AME Church, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Chamberlain, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. R. Wilkes, Dr. and Mrs. George L. Hightower, The Atlanta Daily World for its splendid coverage of the proceedings of the conclave, The Atlanta Life Insurance Company, the Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Company, The Afro-American Insurance Company and The Atlanta Daily World for souvenirs supplied to the conclave.

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Phi Delta Kapp

Mrs. Olivia Henry Named Basileus When Phi Delta Kappas Hold Meet

Afro-Am. — Baltimore, Md. Sat. 1-11-47

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Mrs. Olivia S. Henry of Philadelphia was elected supreme basileus when the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa held its 23rd anniversary conclave, here, Dece. 27-30.

Other officers named were:

Mrs. Ruby Grooms, Baltimore Md., 1st anti-basileus; Mrs. Lar nie J. Williams, Birmingham Ala., 2nd anti-basileus; Mrs. Thelma B. Parker, Detroit, Mich., 3rd anti-basileus; Mrs. Marion H Bluitt, Washington, D.C., supreme grammateus;

Miss Bertha V. Waples, Woodbury, N.J., supreme tamiouchos Mrs. Mattie L. Connor, Baltimore Md., supreme tamias; Mrs. Hilda G. Bryant, Washington, D.C., national program director; Mrs Grace Bouldin, Chicago, Ill., editor-in-chief, "Krinon;"

Miss Lillian A. Goings, Camden, N.J., national publicity director; Mrs. Gertrude A. Robinson, New York, N.Y., executive advisor.

Members at large for executive committee are: Eastern region, Mrs. Rachel Ray, West Chester, Pa.; Southern region, Mrs. Lila Butler, Birmingham, Ala.; Western, Miss Thelma Powell, Chicago, Ill.

Sat. 1-11-47

Miss Murphy Honored

Miss Frances Murphy of Baltimore, who retired from the Baltimore school system after 40 years of teaching, 26 of them as head of a department of Coppin Teachers College, was made an honorary member of the sorority.

The sorority announced the launching of a campaign to establish a visual education library in Liberia, Africa during the African Centennial Exposition.

The Sorority's national program is to include the "March of Dimes" project as sponsored by the Southern Region. For the past several years Upsilon Chapter, Tuskegee, Ala., has sponsored the Infantile Paralysis Clinic of the John A. Andrews Memorial Hospital, Tuskegee.

$100 to NAACP

The annual contribution of $100 was voted to the NAACP to help foster their fight for equalization of teachers salaries, and equal educational opportunities for colored students.

Sat 1-11-47

This national prfoessional teachers sorority also went on record as asking the government to take immediate steps to pass a strong FEPC bill that will guarantee protection to all of its citizens.

The Sorority is also supporting the program of the crusade against lynching. The group is urging Congress to pass a law which will make segregation of any American citizen a criminal offense.

The president of the United States has been urged to order an investigation into the basis for the disproportionate number of disqualifying discharges given the colored veterans.

Mrs. Walker Speaks

The keynote address was delivered by Mrs. Hazel Mountain Walker, principal of the R. B. Hayes Elementary School, Cleveland, Ohio. Her topic centered around the conclave theme "Training Tomorrow's Adults for Tomorrow's Peace."

An educational tour and tea to Cincinnati's Art Academy and Flower Conservatory was conducted on Saturday afternoon,

The retiring supreme basileus, Mrs. Gertrude A. Robinson of New York City, challenged the youth of Mt. Zion M. E. Church in her address, "Youth, How Green Is Your Valley," at which service the sorors were guests of the church.

Sat, 1-11-47

The social program of the conclave was opened with a formal dance on Friday evening, December 27, given at the Cotton Club, as guests of Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities. The sorority was guest of the Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha sororities at a cocktail hour at the New Wonder Bar on Saturday evening. They were honored at a public reception given at the Crittenden Funeral Home on Sunday afternoon, followed by a coffee hour sponsored by the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs (Cincinnati Chapter) at their home.

Sat. 1-11-47

The closed banquet was held on the Roof of Hotel Gibson.

Mrs. Gladys Nunery, a founder of the Conclave was the principal speaker at the banquet. Her topic was "How Big Are You."

The 1947 conclave will be held in Wilmington, Del.

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2 at Syracuse Inducted into Journalistic Frat

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — O. Rudolph Aggrey, Salisbury, N.C., and Lutrelle F. Palmer Jr., Newport News, Va., recently were inducted into the Syracuse chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity. They are studying toward the Master's degree in journalism at Syracuse University.

Aggrey, who was graduated from Hampton Institute with highest honors in 1946, was editor of the **Hampton Script**, student newspaper, for two years. Under his guidance the paper won the All-American award from Associated Collegiated Press.

Palmer, son of Dr. L. F. Palmer, director of experimentation in teacher education at Hampton Institute, was an honor graduate of Virginia University in 1942.

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Knights Of Columbus Accept Negro Member

Chicago, Ill. Defender Sat. 3-17-47

LOS ANGELES — First Negro t be received into membership by th California Knights of Columbus i Charles Jones, Loyola university (Los Angeles) freshman, th school's student paper reported thi week.

The Knights of Columbus is an international fraternal order of Catholic men repeatedly honored by the Vatican and the hierarchy during the last half century.

LOUD AND WRONG

Fraternity Head Approves Race Bias; Ripped By Negro Leader

Journal & Guide Norfolk, Va. 12-6-47

By LILLIAN SCOTT

NEW YORK—The defense of existing racial and religious restrictions on fraternity membership by outgoing Chairman David A. Embury of the National Inter-Fraternity Conference was scored here last week by Negro and civic leaders.

Embury, in a speech to the conference's thirty-ninth annual convention at the Hotel Commodore, had said, "There is nothing arbitrary or capricious or unnatural about fraternity membership restrictions based on race, creed or color."

Sat. 12-6-47

Tobias Speaks

Dr. Channing Tobias, head of the Phelps-Stokes Fund and a member of the President's Committee on Civil Rights said Embury's position was "a denial of the very spirit of fraternity that should characterize the fraternities and sororities." Referring to Embury's charge that agitation to abolish the bias in the fraternity system came chiefly from "radical" groups, Dr. Tobias said, "It should be just as important to discourage organizations that are undemocratic in social relations as it is to discourage those who are undemocratic politically."

Embury had given the impression that the American Youth for Democracy was the only group protesting fraternity bias. In answer to that Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, said there was a great deal of feeling against college fraternities long before the AYD was formed.

Recites Old Excuse

Embury said, "The college fraternity is the closest knit most intimate group to be found anywhere outside the family group. The members live together, eat together, sleep together, date together, and share each other's joys and sorrows. What then could be more natural, more important than that in choosing new members they should seek men with the same racial, religious, social and cultural backgrounds as their own?"

He denied that such bans are based on "hatred, or prejudice or any false sense of superiority of one race or religion over another." He said that any group had an "undisputed privilege" to form an unbiased fraternity.

Urges Boycott

"But it is one thing," Embury added, "to say that a group may omit such restrictions—that is democracy. It is quite a different thing to say that a group must omit them—that is regimentation." He charged that university and college officials who attempt to force the fraternal groups to abolish bias are themselves undemocratic.

He suggested that the suspension of any fraternity chapter for membership restrictions by a college should be countered by a demand from all other fraternities that it be reinstated and every alumnus should be requested to withhold financial support of the college.

When the Chicago Defender reached Dr. Gilbert W. Mead, the new conference chairman, and president of Washington College, Chestertown, Md., he stated that Mr. Embury's views were personal and not at all official.

To Study Bias

Dr. Mead revealed that the convention had approved a recommendation that the executive committee appoint a standing committee to study the question of membership restrictions. He also revealed that restrictions are a "matter of constant discussion." He refused to go on record in any way about Embury's position and said instead that "Mr. Embury's remarks are not of any particular effect now as it is up to the new executive committee and the new officers to figure out the program for the year."

Dr. Mead pointed out that he was not only a conference officer but an educator, seeming to imply that his views might not exactly coincide with Embury's, as the latter is an attorney here.

Vote Against Outlaw

On the convention's opening day, the committee on membership restrictions voted down a resolution calling for the removal of discriminatory clauses in fraternity constitutions. It then unanimously approved the recommendation to the executive committee already mentioned above.

The convention was attended by delegates from 59 fraternities with more than 2,500 chapters in the U. S. and Canada. It was believed that a majority of the delegates agreed with Embury on the racial restrictions issue.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha

Alpha Kappa Alphas Re-elect Baltimorean to Two-Year Term

Afro-American

Baltimore, Md.

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Mrs. Edna Over Gray of Baltimore was re elected to the presidency of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for a two-year term, here, Friday.

Mrs. Gray, elected last year, had served half of the usual term as a result of the boule being off schedule for the five war years.

Other officers renamed to posts for two years were: Sat. 8-30-47

Mrs. Zenobia Allen of Los Angeles, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Irma F. Clarke of Chicago, treasurer. Miss Rosetta Nolan of Kansas City, Mo., was elected to a two-year term as parliamentarian. Miss Beatrice Wooding of Philadelphia was elected to a one-year term as second vice president.

Mrs. Brown Elected

New officers named during the Boule included:

Mrs. Olive Durden Brown of Austin, Texas, south central regional director; Mrs. Carolyn S Blanton, Louisville, Ky., assistant recording secretary; Mrs. B. Beatrix Scott, Washington, D.C., finapcial director; and Miss Grace Marr. Brooklyn, N.Y., coordinator of undergraduate activities.

Directorate members whose terms have not expired include:

Mrs. Lenora Carrington Lane of Wilberforce, Ohio; first vice president; Miss C. Elizabeth Johnson of Louisville, recording secretary; Mrs. Ethel H. Lyle, Philadelphia honorary president;

Mrs. Sophie Fowler, Washington, D.C., North Atlantic regional directro; Mrs. Clarissa K. Dillard, Richmond, Va., South Atlantic regional director; Mrs. Lucille B Wilkins, Chicago, Central regional director; Mrs. Robbie Turner Davas, Omaha, Neb., Mid-Western regional director; Mrs. Arnetta G Wallace, Knoxville, Tenn., Southeastern regional director; Mrs. Audrey B. Jones, Los Angeles, Far Western regional director.

Region Added

Other important business of the Friday session were the adoption of a re-zoning proposal to add a new region to make a total of nine for the sorority which numbers some 10,000 members and the setting of the 28th Boule for December, 1948, in Washington, D.C. or Houston to be chosen next month. Sat. 8-30-47

Saturday night the Boule closed with a banquet, attended by 750 members, in the Masonic Auditorium at 3615 Euclid Avenue.

Six past national presidents were introduced as after-dinner speakers by Miss L. Pearl Mitchell, Cleveland, who presided as mistress of ceremonies. The six speakers, who outlined the history of the sorority's almost 40 years' activity culminating in 180 chapters throughout the naiton, and highlight s of their administrations, were: Mrs. Lorraine R. Green of Chicago, Mrs. Beatrix Scott of Washington, Miss Maude E. Brown of Cleveland, Mrs. Margaret Davis Bowen of New Orleans, and Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby of Detroit.

The new officers were installed by Mrs. Zelma Watson George of Cleveland. Other program numbers included musical selections by a sorority chorus under the direction of Mrs. Vivian Dubose, leader, with piano accompaniment by Miss Ella Mae Sharp. A piano solo by Miss Gloria Roberts of Los Angeles, an da reading, "The Ivy," by Mrs. Olive Hale Hackney of Cleveland, were other program numbers.

WASHINGTON

Muriel Alexander, Theresa Alexander, Jeanne Banks, Thelma Bryant, Dorothy Bogan, Norma Boyd, Alberta Beverly, Mary Duncan, Hilda Evans, Sophia Fowler, Bernice Finney, Elinar Felton, Ruth Freeman, Charlotte Holt;

Wilma George, Alma Hooks, Virginia Hightower, Vivian King, Carlotta Lingo, Montressa Moss, Effie Mitchell, Mary Helen Mitchell, Eunice Matthews, Eula Kemp, Evelyn Miller, Bessie Patterson, Elizabeth Patterson, B. Beatrice Scott;

Orra W. Spivey, Hortense Roberts, Hollie Tillinghast, Anne Tolliver, Victoria Todd, Benetta B. Washington, Irene Wood, Lorelle Wise, Carrie Young, Thomye Booker, Ruth B. Brown, Thomasena Johnson.

BOSTON

Myrtle Henderson, Dorothy Griffith, Muriel Wellington.

NEW YORK

Mary Brogden, Mabel P. Davis, Wilhelmina Easterling, Albertine T. Edmondson, Aloncita Flood, Evelyn Griffith, Delolah Harris, Olive O. Hazel, Cora Illedge, Gloria King, Vivian Marshall;

Grace Marr, Mae Neely, Estelle Massey Osborne, Ruth E. Steber, Florence Thomas, Margaret Welmon, Charline S. Williams, Flora Chisholm, Bearlene Burkley, Dorothy Jones, Ada Spann. Sat. 8-30-47

BALTIMORE

Edna Over Gray, Mildred J. Seaborne, Elizabeth Allen, Eugenia Hardy, Rosaline Allen, Dellaphine Warrington, Beatrice Hurt, Appye Hurt, Wilhelmina Reid;

Marian Reid, Verniece Reynolds, Iris Carpenter, Esther Johnson, Vernice D. Matthews, Dolly Walker, Mabel Frisby, Maud Williams.

BUFFALO

Louise Acker, Vera Johnson, Catherine Nunnally, Valerie Gilliam, Thelma Hardiman, Doris Edwards, Bernice Evans, Beulah Brown, Frances Hall.

NEW JERSEY

Edwina Tucker Davis, East Orange; Una Janifer, Newark, N.J.

WILMINGTON

Venus Johnson, Jean Curl, Joan Curl, Dor is Williams, Constance Kennedy, Shirley Smith, Gwendolyn Sabbs, Elaine Davis, Marilyn Fletcher.

PHILADELPHIA

Blanche Anderson, Jean N. Harvey, Clara Blake, Katie M. Green, Evelyn Carter, Cecelia Wyatt, Emma Brinkley, Ethel Billinger;

Evelyn Certain, Louise Barnes, Irene Baxter, Shirley Holly, Jesse Watkins, Margaret Seamon, Beatrice Wooding.

AKA's Pledge White Student

Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier
Sat. 4-19-47

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Miss Marianne Richardson, a white student at the University of Southern California, became a member of the Ivy Leafs, pledge club of the Sigma chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority here, last week.

The announcement was made by Chapter President Delores Bell, who said that the program of the chapter was designed to bring members of all races into its ranks. Many summer functions are planned to that end, she said.

National AKA Health Project Opens In N. York

Atlanta Daily World
Atlanta, Ga. Thurs. 7/24

All 167 Chapters To Participate In Program

By GLADYS P. GRAHAM

NEW YORK— (ANP)— The National Health committee for Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority has opened offices in New York at 2286-Seventh Ave. Estelle Massey Osborne is executive director and Flora B. Chisholm is executive secretary. 7/27/47

The first meeting was held in the new headquarters this week with the discussion centering around plans for the health workshop and exhibit at the boule to be held in Cleveland, August 18 to 23.

Interest in the health of individuals crystalized in 1934 when the sorority initiated its Mississippi Health project. Since the war's end, it was decided that an even greater service could be rendered if each of the 167 chapters participated in a national health education program sponsoring local projects. Thurs. 7-24-47

SPECIFIC AIMS

The aim of the AKA national health project is to educate for and encourage better standards of healthful living; to increase service and facilities for health to all groups and to cooperate with established health agencies to bring the benefits of their services more fully and forcefully to the peoples of the United States.

Fourteen states and 85 chapters have been visited by the health secretary, Miss Chisholm, since Jan. 1, 1946. A rural project has been maintained in Ascension parish, La. with the cooperation of the Louisiana State Department of Health and Education since 1946.

It is felt that the New York center will be able to secure unstinted cooperation locally and nationally.

1,200 Sorors Attend AKA Boule In Cleveland

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Dec.
Sat. 8-30-47

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Dr. Jean Weltshish, New York City, one of the leading anthropologists of the country, was speaker at the opening meeting Tuesday night of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority's 29th annual boule. About 1,200 delegatse were present.

Between gay rounds of social activity, these delegates meet in Cory Methodist Church for business sessions. There they elect officers, prepare radio programs, and take care of the general business of the boule.

Supreme Basileus Edna Over Gray, Baltimore, in speaking over the radio, pointed out the ideals of this sorority, its purposes, and services done others, its awarding of prizes and scholarships.

The most important thing to be discussed at this boule is whether or not Gamma House at the University of Illinois shall be declared self-supporting, and withdrawn from the national budget. If so plans for another such project will be made before the boule ends.

A new sorority committee will be formed to promote the inter-Greek venture, an organization to represent more than a half million voters. Sat. 8-30-47

Soror Norma Boyd, who directs the non-partisan council summarized the opposing stand her office took regarding the Taft Hartley law.

Three founders are present at this session. They are: Marie Woolfolk Taylor, Atlanta; Ethel H. Lyle, Philadelphia, and Anna Brown.

Sorors competing for supreme basileus are Edna Over Gray, Lucille B. Wilkins, Chicago, and Audrey B. Jones, Los Angeles.

CLEVELAND, O. — The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Saturday elected Mrs. Edna Over Gray of Baltimore, president; Miss Beatrice Woodring of Philadelphia, second vice-president; Miss Zenobia Allen of Los Angeles, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Erma F. Clark of Chicago, treasurer, and Mrs. Rosetta Nolan of Kansas City, parliamentarian.

Mrs. Gray has headed the organization for the past year, filling an unexpired term. Voting machines were brought to the boule from Princeton, N. J., to register votes of the election.

Other top officers whose terms have not expired are Mrs. Leonora Carrington Lane of Wilberforce, Ohio, first vice-president; Miss C. Elizabeth Johnson of Louisville, Ky., secretary, and Mrs. Ethel H. Lyle of Philadelphia, honorary president and founder. Sat. 8-30-47

Washington or Houston will be chosen next month as the site of the December, 1948, convention. The 1947 convention closed Saturday night with a banquet attended by 750 members, and was held in the Masonic Auditorium on Euclid ave. Officers were installed and six past national presidents spoke. The sorority boasts of 180 chapters and 10,000 members throughout the United States.

Mrs. Edna Gray To Head AKAs For Next Year

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Dec.
Sat. 8-31-47

Sorority Gives New Car To White Raffle Winner

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Ill. Sat. 7-26-47

LOUISVILLE—A new automobile was last week awarded to Charles H. Wabnitz, white, in a drawing conducted here by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

The drawing was held last Tuesday night, before the morning papers carried the story of a Negro in Ahoskie, N. C., who, because of his race, was denied an automobile he won in a Kiwanis Club contest, according to Mrs. Carolyn S. Blanton, member of the committee in charge of the event. 7-26-47

Mrs. Blanton said that at the time of the drawing the sorority officers "knew by the address that the winner was white."

"Everyone at the drawing was terribly disappointed," she said, "but they saw the drawing had been fair—a blindfolded girl pulled out the winning ticket—and they all went away quietly. 7-26-47

"Mr. Wabnitz had the winning number and that was all there was to it," she added.

Mrs. Blanton said that next day when the papers carried the report of the North Carolina case, she was besieged by requests to declare the white man ineligible but she said she told everyone, "We will stick by it." 7-26-47

As Wabnitz received the new car he said he had given his old one to the man who sold him the winning ticket, Lee Roy Smith, Negro janitor at a hospital where Wabnitz is a biochemist. Chicago Defender

USO also said that arrangements have been made for a mass meeting to be held at St. John's AME Church on December 21 as a climax to the drive.

OTHER GROUPS COOPERATE

It was also stated that many local organizations are working jointly with the sorority in securing the cooperation of all citizens.

Members of the non-partisan committee in addition to the chairman are Madams Carlesta Saunders, Eula Glover, Vivian C. Mason, Brownie Omohundro, Sadie Welton, Miss Marjorie Poole and Miss Lois Hamilton.

AKA's Push Civil Rights Petition Drive

Journal & Guide
Norfolk, Va.

NORFOLK — The non-partisan committee of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, which last week announced the initiation of a city-wide drive to procure signatures to petitions to President Truman urging immediate action on the recommendations of the President's Civil Rights Committee, reports that the petitions will be made available in churches, theatres and other public places during the week of Dec. 14-20. Sat. 12-20-47

The committee, reporting through its chairman, Mrs. Wanser I. Webb to the regular monthly meeting of the chapter held on December 4 at the Smith Street

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Delta Sigma Theta

DELTA PRESIDENT — Mrs. Mae Wright Downs of Baltimore, grand president of Delta Sigma Theta sorority which meets in San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 27-31, under the convention theme, "Toward Securing Those Rights."

Deltas Announce Plans For 19th Convention

Courier, Pittsburgh, Pa.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas—Psi Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will be host to the nineteenth national convention to be held in San Antonio Dec. 27-31, inclusive. Headed by Soror Myra D. Hemmings, convention chairman, the busy committee has arranged interesting sessions and a social program.

Grand President Mae Wright Downs is expected to take part in the convention, as well as Soror Reber S. Cann, Grand Secretary; Soror Sadie T. M. Alexander and Mrs. Jessie Covington Dent. Mrs. Alexander is a member of President Truman's Civil Rights Committee, and Mrs. Dent, wife of the president of Dillard University, is a noted pianist.

Sat-11-29-47

CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Hemmings has been a grand vice president, chairman of the grand chapter budget board, president of hostess chapter, founder and first president of Alpha Chapter and is now regional director of the Southwest. She is a graduate of Howard and Northwestern Universities.

All sessions will be held at the Second Baptist Church, Rev. S. H. James Jr., minister, while other affairs will be held at the library auditorium, the Municipal Auditorium, the Governor's Palace and the Olmos Dinner Club.

A pre-convention trip has been planned for those wishing to visit Mexico.

Courier,

Plans of the convention committee include a Mexican dinner, a dude ranch party, formals, teas, buffet luncheons, a musical, a broadcast and many other intriguing details of social life.

Mrs. Hattie R. Briscoe is president of the San Antonio chapter.

MRS. MYRA D. HEMMINGS
... Delta Convention head

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY NATIONAL CONVENTION SOCIAL CALENDAR

Courier, Pittsburgh, Pa.

THURSDAY, DEC. 25
5:00 P. M.—CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR GRAND OFFICIALS
Courtesy: Soror Hattie R. Briscoe (President of Psi Sigma)
Place: 820 South Pine Street (Informal and quite home-like)

FRIDAY, DEC. 26
2:00 P. P.—SIGHT-SEEING TOUR
Courtesy: Army men at Lackland Air Base
10:00 P. M.—CTBARET DANCE
Courtesy: Progressive Young Men's Social Club
Place: Don's Keyhole, 728 Iowa Street

Sat. 12-27-47

SATURDAY, DEC. 27
9:30 P. M.—DELTA FORMAL
Municipal Auditorium (Auditorium Circle)

SUNDAY, DEC. 28
7:45 A. M.—MORNING COFFEE
Courtesy: Semper Fidelis Club
Place: Spanish Governor's Palace (Military Plaza—Across street from City Hall)
8:00 P. M.—OPEN HOUSE
Courtesy: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority
Place: 1013 South Pine Street
10:00-12:00—COCKTAIL PARTY
Courtesy: Friends of Delta
Place: Suburban Club, 1802 Burleson Street

MONDAY, DEC. 29
4:00 A. M.—DAWN DANCE
Courtesy: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
Place: Don's Keyhole, 728 Iowa Street
12:00 noon—MEXICAN DINNER
Courtesy: Southwestern Region
Place: Don's Keyhole, 728 Iowa Street
(A film will be shown—Library Project)
7:30 P. M.—COCKTAIL PARTY
Courtesy: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority—Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
Place: Suburban Club, 1302 Burleson Street
10:00 P. M.—DUDE RANCH JAMBOREE
Courtesy: Omega Psi Phi and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternities
Place: Library Auditorium, Hackberry at Center Street
(Wear ranch styles, such styles may be bought in San Antonio, if desired)

TUESDAY, DEC. 30
12:30 P. M.—BUFFET LUNCHEON
Courtesy: Young Matron's Guild of Second Baptist Church
Place: USO, 112 Sycamore Street
7:30 P. M.—ARTIST RECITAL
Place: Second Baptist Church, Chestnut and Center Streets
9:00 P. M.—DELTA BANQUET
Place: Library Auditorium, North Hackberry at Centre Street
(232 Hackberry Street)

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JAN. 1, 1948—A Post-Convention Trip to Monterey, Mexico

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George, treasurer; Mildred Morris, reporter; O. Cryer, G. Davis, A. Thompson, M. Pack, E. Mack, O Knox, E. Ross, O. Butler, H. Butler, E. Fennery, M. Betnley, R. Robertson and C. Warren.

Ellen Mills Scarborough, UN Advisor, to Be Delta Speaker

Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sat. 12-27-47

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—According to National President Mae Wright Downs of New Jersey, it will be Mrs. Ellen Mills Scarborough, adviser to the Liberian UN delegation, who will be the principal speaker at the public meeting of the nineteenth national convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority here, Dec. 27. Mrs. Scarborough, who is on leave from her Liberian post, is a former member of Xi Sigma Chapter, Philadelphia.

Theme of the convention is "Toward Securing These Rights," under which the organization will discuss ways and means of implementing the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights. From Sunlay to the closing day of the meet, soror members will discuss phases of the report under subject titles of "The Right to Safety and Security of the Person," "The Right to Citizenship and its Privileges," "The Right to Freedom of Conscience and Expression," and "The Right to Equality of Opportunity."

OUTSTANDING SORORS

Four other outstanding Deltas are slated to appear in a recital at Liber Library Auditorium, Sunday, Dec. 28. They include, Mrs. Jessie Covington Dent, M. A., Oberlin College Conservatory of Music of New Orleans, La., in a piano recital, and Miss Louise Burge, contalto, voice instructor at Howard University. Miss Burge, holder of an M. A. from Columbia University, has sung with Tschaikowsky, Lewisholn Stadium, in New York.

Under the direction of Soror Myra Hemmings, general chairman of the convention, a notable array of social affairs will fill in the hours not taken with the more serious side of the conclave.

Election of officers is slated for this convention.

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Co-Eds Who Quit Biased Sorority Form New Group

Chicago, Defender
Chicago Ill

By LILLIAN SCOTT

NEWARK, N. J.—Naomi Charner, who quit Phi Omega Chi Sorority at Upsala College last week because the group refused a Negro girl membership, has started "a real interracial, non-sectarian sorority," she told the Chicago Defender this week. 5-29-47

The new group, although it has selected a name, will not reveal it until the college administration takes action on its request for a charter reportedly due May 12. Naomi said 15 coeds including Bernice Petty, the girl Phi Omega Chi refused, had already signed up to be members. Several of them are former members of the other group who resigned in disgust with Naomi, who was vice president of Phi Omega Chi.

She revealed that the new group will omit all blackballing, secret hand clasps and other formal ritual characteristic of old-line sororities. Membership will hinge only upon the candidate's ideals, and scholastic standing. Sat. 5-31-47

Naomi also told the Defender that Phi Omega Chi members "have spoken about impeaching all of us." The sorority members are furious at the publicity Miss Charner's action in renouncing their discrimination brought them.

Of the 15 girls who have signed for the new group, several are Negroes, one is Chinese, one is Swedish which bears out Miss Charner's intention to abolish all membership restrictions

HIGH MOGULS OF GREEKDOM —When the eighteenth annual meeting of the National Pan-Hellenic Council convened here Friday and Saturday, chief officials of Negro college fraternities assembled for the sessions. Friday night, they assembled for an official picture. Left to right are: Mrs. Lulleia Harrison of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; Atty. Belford V. Lawson, president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, who delivered thre principal address to the Greeks; Mrs. Mae Wright Downs of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; George Parker, of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; Mrs. Edna O. Gray of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Augustus Parker of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; Mrs. Ethel Riss Smith of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, and Col. Campbell Johnson, of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

At the business session Saturday. Ellsworth Evans, of St. Louis, Kappa Alpha Psi, was reelected chairman of the Pan-Hellenic Council, while Mrs. Maude Brown, of Louisville, Alpha Kappa Alpha, was named vice chairman; Dr. R. O. Johnson, of Atlanta, Phi Beta Sigma, secretary, and Mrs. Vivian Hayes, of St. Louis, eZta Phi Beta, treasurer Grand Pres. Mae Wright Downs,is Clark's Vesper speaker today.

SNS Staff Photo by W. A. Scott 111

Iota Regional Afro-American Meet in Dallas

Pittsborgh, Pa.

NATIONAL PREXY—Mrs. Alice P. Allen, national president of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, is planning to attend a series of regional meetings in St. Louis, Lansing, Mich.; Dallas, Texas, and New York. Mrs. Allen is secretary to the president and director of the business division of Miles College, Birmingham, Ala.

Courier, Sat. 3-1-47

Baltimore, Md

DALLAS, Texas—The southern and southwestern regions of the Iota Phi Lambda sorority met here recently in a three-day session as guests of Psi chapter, Mrs. D. Frances Anderson, president.

The meetings were held in the Maria Morgan branch of the YWCA, with Mrs. Mabel Gatewood Cogwell, southern regional directress, presiding over the opening session and Mrs. L. E. Coleman Lockhardt, southwestern regional directress, presiding over the Saturday sessions, at which George L. Allen, president of the Southwestern School of Business administration, spoke Sat. 5-31-47

Officers Elected

The two regions in session had been formed from the southern region at the last national meeting. Consequently, two sets of officers were elected: For the southern: assistant regional directress, Mrs. Cleo Crutcher, Tuskegee, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Bacote, Knoxville, recording secretary; Mrs. Wadelle Farmer, Atlanta, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ernestine Cathcart, Winston-Salem and journalist, Mrs. Omeda Livingston, Durham. For the southwestern: (corresponding offices) Mrs. Alma Mackey, Dallas; Mrs. Lucille Anderson, Dallas; Miss Annabelle Dutton, New Orleans; Mrs. Norma J. Kennedy, Little Rock, and Mrs. Hilda Gilmore, Jackson, Miss.

Final Plans Made For Pan-Hellenic Meet Here

Atlanta, Ga. Daily World
Fri. 5-2-47

Final plans for the May 9-10 Meeting of the National Pan Hellenic Council here were worked out by the local host Council Wednesday night. According to an announcement made by William C. Pyant, Evanston, Ill., seceretary of the national group, most of the 37 local councils will be represented; in addition the heads of the eight Greek letter organizations and three representatives from each of the latter are expected to be present.

A public meeting at Warren Methodist church, during which Belford Lawson, national president of Alpha Phi Alpha, will be the principal speaker, and the annual banquet, featured by addresses from Mrs. Ethel R. Smith, Grand Basileus of Sigma Gamma Rho, and George A. Parker, national president of Phi Beta Sigma, will be high lights. Other featured speakers will be the heads of these eight organizations or chapel programs of the six colleges in the city. Fri. 5-2-47

The business sessions will be held in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library, and most of the delegates will be housed in the Atlanta University dormitories. Social affairs include: a dance to be given by the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority at the Top Hat Club Thursday evening, May 8, an informal tea at Atlanta University, Friday afternoon, dances Friday evening at the USO Center and the Top Hat Club, early Saturday morning, sponsored by the Atlatna Pan Hellenic Council and the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, respectively, and the dinner Saturday evening at the Butler Street YMCA. Ellsworth J. Evans, St. Louis, Mo., national chairman of the Council, is expected to arrive in the city early Friday.

Resolutions adopted by the Atlanta Council at Wednesday's meeting included: a proposal for the National Council to co-operate in sponsoring the United College Fund Drive through affiliated councils and chapters of member organizations, creation of a plan for participation in civic and political affairs on a national scale, and financial support of national social agencies, such as the NAACP and National Urban League.

Local colleges and all Greek Letter organization in the city are cooperating fully with plans for the annual meeting.

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

INTO PHI DELTA KAPPA—Miss Francis Murphy, of Baltimore, center above, is welcomed by the Supreme Basileus, Mrs. Olivia Henry of Philadelphia, left, following initiation into Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, in Baltimore, Saturday. At right is Mrs. Mary Brooks, basileus of Gamma Chapter, which was host at the ceremony and attending banquet.

Frances Murphy 3rd Inducted by National Body

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

CAMDEN, N.J.—Highlighting the Founder's Week observance of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority was the official launching of the national group's Liberian project, here, and the induction of its third national member, Miss Frances L. Murphy, in Baltimore.

The Liberian project will establish a visual education library in the African Republic.

Initiation Held

Miss Murphy was inducted in elaborate ceremonies officiated at by the national basileus, Soror Olivia Henry, and followed by a banquet at which Gamma Chapter of Baltimore was host.

Miss Murphy, a veteran member of the teaching profession in Baltimore, who following her retirement from Coppin Teachers College faculty, has became equally as distinguished in civic sevice in her city, was the third national member to be admitted to the sorority.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethnue, president and founder of Bethune-Cookman College, and Dr. Merze Tate, are the other national members.

The first day of the national celebration was designated as "Tag Day," in which the chapters presented noted speakers at church, school and other public gatherings. Proceeds from the sale of tags are to be used to purchase a 16mm. sound projector and films for the Liberian project, presentation of which will be made at the official opening of the Liberian Centennial exposition this year. Sat. 5-31-47

Organized in '23

Phi Delta Kappa came in being on May 23, 1923, when the charter of the national group was incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey. The first chapter was located in Jersey City, a product of the vision and initiative of eight school teachers, who saw the necessity of a teachers' professional society.

Aims of the group are to "promote and carry out the highest ideals of the pedagogical profession," "preserve a spirit of sisterhood among teachers," and "to encourage youth to attain higher levels of character and education."

The group now has 36 active chapters reaching as far west as Kansas City, south to Miami and along the whole length of the eastern seaboard. It has a life membership in the NAACP, annual membership in the National Council of Negro women, sponsors recreation, reading and canteen rooms for children, and awards an annual scholarship of $400 to a high school senior who expects to make teaching her career.

Regional in Richmond

The northeastern regional meeting of Phi Delta Kappa will be held in St. Phillips Episcopal Church, Richmond, Va., on May 30-31. The meeting will feature such attractions as a public meeting, headed by Miss Marian S. Belle, president of hostess chapter, Alpha Zeta, a panel discussion in the form of a "town meeting," an outdoor tea party and art exhibit and a formal dance. The business session will be presided over by Mrs. Ruby Grooms, regional director.

Gloria Cochrane, Sister, Win Phi Delta Kappa Scholarships

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Gloria Evelyn Cochrane, one of the Theta Chapter candidates in the annual scholarship tests of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, topped 195 contestants to win the 4-year award to the college of her choice. Sat. 6-14-47

Her sister, Nell Marie, who took the test at the same time in Atlanta, Ga., was the runner up and will also receive an award. Gloria, born in Brooklyn 15 years ago, began school at P.S. 70, later gaining admission to Hunter College Elementary School, where she was advanced to a higher grade because of her advanced standing. Here she won a scholarship pin for obtaining the highest average. As youngest delegate at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, she was presented to the convention which she attended with her sister.

Talented Musician

The two sisters are well known to Brooklyn and Manhattan music lovers, as for several years they have given annual piano concerts. For three successive years, each has won honors at the National Piano Playing Auditions sponsored by National Guild of Piano Teachers and was the recipient of one year's partial scholarship to the music department of Columbia University. Sat. 6-14-47

Is School Leader

Entering, Hunter College High School, Gloria Cochrane has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualtities. At present she is vice president of the G.O., the highest honor voted by the school, since it carries with it the responsibility of overseeing the functioning of all extra-curricula committees. She has served as president of her class. She has made journalistic and art conrtibutions to Marianne the French magazine, Argus, the art and literary magazine, and, Behind The Mike, a biology magazine of her high school. A member of the Sigma Gamma Pi, honorary sorority at Hunter College High School. she also holds membership in The New York Classical Club, awarded for excellence in Latin, as well as the Algebra and cinema clubs, and in addition is president of the French Club.

Gloria is a devotee of all sports and headed her high school cheering squad, is captain of the volley ball, basketball and indoor baseball teams. Her present ambition is to become a specialist in the field of psychology or psychiatry.

Gloria's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Marshall Cochrane of 461 McDonough Street, Brooklyn, New York, have two outstanding reasons for parental pride, namely, their two daughters, Nell and Gloria, who have had parallel school careers.

Miss Joan Davis of Manhattan attained third place on the national scholarship test.

Phi Delta Kappas Launch Liberian Project In Jersey

Defender
Chicago, Ill.

CAMDEN, N. J. — (ANP) — The 24th anniversary of the founding of the national Phi Delta Kappa Sorority was observed last week.

Highlighting the founder's week observance was the official launching of the national group's Liberian project, a program designed to establish a visual education library in Monrovia. Chicago Defender

Proceeds from the sale of tags are to be used to purchase a 16mm sound projector and films for the Liberian project, presentation of which will be made at the official opening of the Liberian Centennial exposition this year.

Phi Delta Kappa came into being on May 23, 1923, when the charter of the national group was incorporated under the laws of the state of New Jersey. Sat. 5-31-47

Aims of the group are to "promote and carry out the highest ideals of the pedagogical profession," "preserve a spirit of sisterhood among teachers," and "to encourage youth to attain higher levels of character and education."

The group now has 36 active chapters reaching as far West as Kansas City, South to Miami and along the whole length of the eastern seaboard.

Mrs. Olivia A. Henry Named Supreme Basileus Of Phi Delta Kappa at Cincinnati Conclave

Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier

CINCINNATI, Ohio—The Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, in its twenty-third annual conclave here, Dec. 27-30, adopted the following resolution of vital interest to every citizen in the United States:

"There shall be an annual contribution of one hundred dollars to the NAACP to help foster its fight for equalization of teachers' salaries and equal educational opportunities for colored students." Sat. 1-11-47

The national professional teachers' sorority went on record in requesting the Government to pass the necessary laws to protect the interests of all groups through the passage of a strong FEPC bill.

Other resolutions included pressure to prevent the seating of Bilbo, the supporting of a crusade against lynching, the passing of a law which would make segregating any American citizen a criminal offense, the urging of retaining of rent ceiling for another year, and an order by the President to investigate the disproportionate number of discharges given Negro veterans.

MAKES CONTRIBUTION

The organization also made a substantial contribution to the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax.

The national program of the sorority was enlarged to include the March of Dimes project as sponsored by the Southern Region. For the past several years, Upsilon Chapter has sponsored the Infantile Paralysis Clinic of the John A. Andrews Memorial Hospital at Tuskegee.

The sorority lanuched its campaign to establish a visual educational library in Liberia, Africa.

Miss Frances Murphy of Baltimore was voted an nonorary member.

KEYNOTE SPEECH BY MRS. WALKER

The keynote speech was delivered by Mrs. Hazel Mountain Walker, principal of the R. B. Hayes School at Cleveland. Her topic centered around the conclave's theme, 'Training Tomorrow's Adults for Tomorrow's Peace."

The retiring supreme basileus, Mrs. Gertrude Robinson of New York, challenged the youth of Mount Zion M. E. Church in her address, "Youth How Green Is Your Valley," at which service the entire conclave was the guest of the church.

INTERESTING SOCIAL PROGRAM Sat. 1-11-47

The interesting social program planned for visiting delegates opened with a brilliant formal on Friday evening at the Cotton Club, with Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternities as hosts.

The newly decorated Wonderbar was the setting for a delightful cocktail party given on Saturday evening for the visitors by Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta Sororities. The guests were especially entranced with the splendid floor show.

A public reception at the beautiful hilltop funeral home of B. Crittenden was followed by an informal and pretty coffee hour at the Federated Club House, where the sorors were guests of the Federated Club Women.

The conclave's annual closed banquet was held in the handsome roof garden of the Hotel Gibson. Mrs. Gladys Nunnery, founder of the conclave, was the principal speaker at the banquet. Her topic was "How Big Are You?" She inspired every soror present with her very timely and challenging message.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The basileus of the hostess chapter, Sigma, is Mrs. Jennie Marie Grigsby who was toastmistress at the banquet and welcomed the visiting sorors at the open meeting.

Other sorors active in planning for the conclave were Sorors Anna Davidson, Verna Green, Allie Coleman, Rose Craig, Sue Fullman and Marcella Farlice.

The election of national officers was held on Monday. 1947 officers are Mrs. Olivia S. Henry of Philadelphia, supreme basileus; Mrs. Ruby W. Grooms, Baltimore, first anti-basileus; Mrs. Larnie W. Williams, Birmingham, second anti-basileus; Mrs. Thelma B. Parker, third anti-basileus; Mrs. Marion H. Bluitt, Washington, supreme grammateus; Miss Bertha K. Waples, New Jersey, supreme tamiouchos; Mrs. Mattie L. Connor, Baltimore, supreme tamias; Mrs. Grace Bouldin, Chicago, editor-in-chief of 'Krinin"; Mrs. Hilda E. Bryant, Washington, national program director; Miss Lillian A. Goings, Camden, N. J., national publicity director. Sat. 1-11-47

Present were delegates from New York, West Virginia, Ohio, Alabama, Illinois, Georgia, Virginia, New Jersey, Michigan and Washington, D. C.

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Phi Delta Kappa to Meet in Wilmington, Del., Dec. 26-29

Courier, Pittsburgh, Pa. Sat. 12-27-47

WILMINGTON, Del.—(ANP)—Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Council of Negro Women, will deliver the principal address at the open meeting of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa on Sunday evening, Dec. 28, at Bethel AME Church. The sorority will be holding its twenty-fourth anniversary conclave, the theme of which is "Cooperative Living."

The conclave will begin with an executive session Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Daisy Simms, basileus of Rho Chapter, Wilmington, and conclave chairman.

Registration will be held from 8 A. M.-9:45 A.M. at the Walnut Street Christian Association, Saturday morning. Last session will be held Tuesday at 1:30 P. M.

GUEST SPEAKER

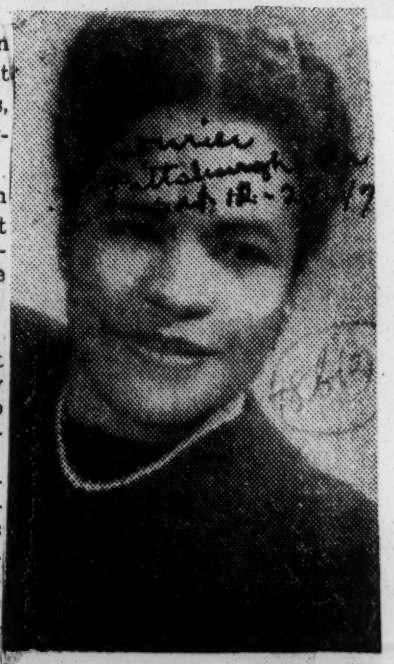
Dr. Bethune, guest speaker at the open meeting, is an honorary member of the sorority. She is also president of Bethune-Cookman College at Daytona Beach, Fla.

In 1935 she organized the National Council of Negro Women. Uniting almost all the Negro women's clubs of the country, which have a membership of over 800,000, this organization is trying to improve the position of Negroes and to promote better race relations.

It has recently closed the most successful convention in its existence which was held in Washington, D. C. 12-27-47

Dr. Bethune was one of ten persons permitted to vote at the triennial of the International Council of Women held in Philadelphia the fall of 1947.

Mrs. Eslanda Goode Robeson, scheduled to speak at this meeting, will be unable to do so because of illness.



MRS. OLIVIA S. HENRY of Philadelphia, supreme basileus of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, who will preside at all business sessions of the national conclave in Wilmington, Del., Dec. 26-30.—ANP.

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Negro girl regrets it all as sorority splits over her

Los Angeles Tribune
Los Angeles, Calif.

EAST ORANGE, N. J.—A sweet-tempered Negro girl of 19 is the central figure in a controversy at East Orange college here, which has been given nationwide publicity and is the second incident to threaten the purely social and what has been called "conscienceless" structure of the Greek letter sororities and fraternities.

The Negro girl is Bernice Petty, youngest of four children, the only member of her family to have a chance at college. Her father, a disabled World War I veteran, is a veterans' hospital patient; her mother does housework. Sat. 3-29-47

Proposed for membership in Phi Omega Chi sorority, Bernice was turned down by a vote of five-to-four. Declaring that to remain in the sorority would destroy her ideals, vice president Naomi S. Charner, a senior student, immediately resigned in a strongly worded letter to the sorority, which made the president, Marjorie Cohen, cry, and say that "maybe" she "should resign too".

Miss Charner's action was received by other sorority members with mixed reactions. Supporting her were Mary and Margie Zimmerman, sophomore twins, who said, "The girls are just silly. We don't want to belong to a sorority that thinks that way so we're resigning too."

But Peggy Campbell, another sorority member thinks "It's only kindness to keep from pledging a Negro girl. After all, there are so many places Negroes can't go socially".

A little more huffily, Emily Mannon said, "We don't have to take in girls of other races. There is an amendment in our constitution that says so. Nobody has any business interfering."

That alleged amendment may cause Phi Omega Chi trouble. According to the college president, Dr. Evald B. Lawson, who intimated that the college wanted no part of the dispute, he would be forced to take some part if discrimination is mentioned specifically in the sorority constitution. But "we must examne all the facts. . . go through your minutes, but that will take weeks and weeks. Sat. 3-29-47

"Upasala college", he said, "has from its founding has been open to students of all races and creeds. Racial discrimination has not been practiced. We have a clear conscience in the matter of this policy."

Unselfishly, Miss Petty views the whole matter as a misfortune. Imploring Miss Charner, daughter of a synagogue sexton not to resign, she said wistfully

"Being on the fringes, you can get awfully lonely. You feel so left out."

Campus Sensation

Girl Quits Sorority Over Racial Issue

Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier
Sat. 3-22-47

By LILLIAN WALCOTT, New York Bureau

EAST ORANGE, N. J.—Honor student, Naomi Sylvia Charner, vice president of the Phi Omega Chi Sorority at Upsala College, caused a sensation on the campus last week when she submitted her resignation to the president after the sorority's refusal to admit Bernice Petty, attractive 19-year-old freshman of Summit, N. J.

MISS NAOMI SYLVIA CHARNER
. . . Quits in Protest

Naomi, graduating senior, who joined the sorority several years ago, with the sole intent of further "liberalizing" its policy to include Negro girls, handed in her resignation after the vote of 5 to 4 had barred admittance to the freshman.

FEAR'D TROUBLE

Be ne, who had been friendly with all nine members of the sorority, was refused membership on the grounds of "social intercourse." It was reported that the other eight members had expressed fear of trouble at their homes, where all sorority meetings were held. The campus offers no facilities for such meetings.

It was obvious from the tie vote of 4 to 4 that members were split as to what course they were to take. The president's decisive vote against Bernice broke the tie.

"They did it because they were afraid," said Naomi, who is extremely popular on the campus. "I can't belong to a group that votes five to four against someone we all like just because they're scared." Sat. 3-22-47

Bernice said knowingly, "the Phi Omega girls are the nicest I've

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ever known. I don't blame them at all. It's just prejudice that's taught from the time we're little."

Bernice, youngest of four children, is the only member of her family to have a chance at college. Her father, a World War I veteran, is a patient at the Lyons Veterans Hospital at Millington, N. J.; her mother does housework.

Naomi, daughter of a synagogue sexton, who died last year, lives with her mother at 712 Bergen Street, Newark.

Naomi resigned from her sorority in a letter to sorority president, Marjorie Cohen.

"I became a member of the Phi Omega Chi Sorority because it was a non-sectarian and liberal college group, the members of which were endowed with strong convictions in the basic ideals of democracy," the letter read. Sat. 3-22-47

"It was not long before I became cognizant of the fact that the sorority did not have any intentions of liberalizing its policy so that all students of our school would be eligible for membership regardless of their race

U. of Vermont Sorority on Inactive List

Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier
Sat. 2-8-47

BURLINGTON, Vt.—(NNPA)—A year-long controversy between the University of Vermont Alpha Xi Delta Sorority and its Washington national office, involving the pledging of a colored student, came to an end last Thursday night when the local unit passed into an inactive status.

The deadlock began a year ago when the Vermont chapter made plans to pledge and initiate Miss Crystal Malone of Washington, D.C. The national chapter placed the local group on probation at that time. Sat. 2-8-47

The inactive status of the Vermont chapter of the sorority came to light last week when its members did not take part in "rushing" activities, designed to recruit new members.

JERSEY COLLEGE CREATES SORORITY TO FIGHT BIAS

Chicago Sat. Defender
Sat. 5-31-47

NEWARK, N. J.—The faculty of Upsala College approved unanimously the creation of a new social sorority on campus, Delta Beta Delta, founded by Naomi Charner, whose avowed aim is to abolish racial and religious discrimination in sororities.

The new sorority of 14 girls grew out of the resignation from Phi Omega Chi of Miss Charner in March when she charged the sorority had refused a Negro girl membership on account of her race. The Wednesday vote on the new group by the Upsala faculty was described as a routine affair by an administration spokesman who said the charters of all new social sororities were examined for discriminatory clauses. Asked how the Phi Omega Chi incident could arise, then the spokesman replied that it had never been proven that the Negro candidate to the group (now a member of Delta Beta Delta) had been blackballed because of race.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Ends National Boule

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Ill.

LOS ANGELES — (ANP) — Winding up their affairs systematically, then going on sight-seeing tours, the national boule of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority came to an end here Saturday with the election of officers and setting of site for the 1948 meet. Philadelphia will play host to the Zetas next year.

Lullelia W. Harrison was reelected grand basileus of the order for her fourth successive term. Also elected as grand officers were Nancy Woodridge of Hampton, Va., first anti-basileus; Vivian Hayes, St. Louis, second anti-basileus; Myrtle Birch, Little Rock, Ark., third anti-basileus, and;

Gertrude Hamm Washington, grammateus and E. Juanita Tate, was elected chairman executive board from her former post of first anti-basileus. Freida Cooke, Chicago, was elected chairman trustee board along with members Fannie Clay, Knoxville, Tenn., Julia Edinburgh, New Orleans, Helen Greene, New York and Lillian Fentress, Los Angeles.